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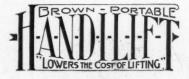
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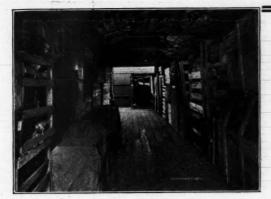
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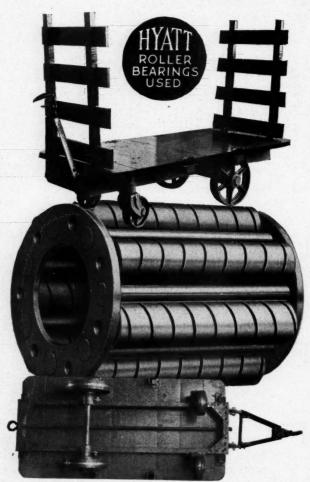
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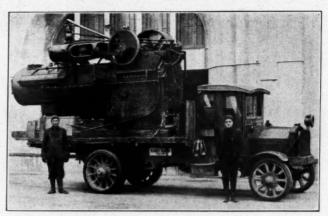
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DISTRIBUTORS' CONVENTION

The Place: Chicago

The Time: May {Dates to be Selected}

The Purpose:

ORGANIZATION OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

If You Handle Warehouse Accounts as

Distribution Manager Traffic Manager Transfer Manager

Sales Manager

Freight Forwarder

You Are Eligible To Membership

BuKENT B. STILES

VERY man who handles the warehouse accounts of the manufacturer who distributes merchandise through warehouses, and every freight forwarder and shipper of any kind who utilizes warehouses, is eligible to membership in a national association which is soon to be organized.

A convention will be held in Chicago on dates yet to be selected—probably in May.

Manufacturers and forwarders who have relations with the warehouse industry will send representatives from all parts of the country.

The general object of organizing is to develop standardization of relations between manufacturers and forwarders on the one side and warehouse executives on the other.

The movement has the support of representatives and officers of the following companies:

Furniture Manufacturers' Association, Grand Rapids, Mich. F. F. Dalley Corporations, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Keystone Steel & Wire Company, Peoria, Illinois. Hoosier Manufacturing Company, New Castle, Ind. Acme Transfer and Storage Company, St. Louis and New York. Vick Chemical Company, Greensboro, N. C. P. W. Drackett & Sons Company, Cincinnati. James B. Sipe & Company, Pittsburgh.

Other manufacturing companies and forwarders have evinced a lively interest in the plan, and purpose to have representatives at the Chicago convention. These companies include a number which are nationally known.

The American Warehousemen's Association and the American Chain of Warehouses each has indicated its active willingness to co-operate with the new association, and the Central Warehousemen's Club also will welcome its existence. This means that the shippers have in advance the support of a large majority of merchandise warehousemen in the United States and Canada.

The prospective membership list for the new association contains the names of thousands of manufacturers and forwarders. Direct invitations to these interests to identify themselves with the movement are being sent, explaining in detail the origin of the idea, the purposes of the organization, and the plan for co-operation with the warehouse industry.

No name for the association will be selected until the Chicago convention. Several have been suggested, among them being:

National Distributors' Traffic Association Shippers and Distributors' Association National Manufacturers' and Distributors' Association

National Association of Distribution Managers Shippers' Distributing and Warehouse League Shippers' Conference Committee on Distribution and Warehousing

Origin of Movement

THE plan had its inception at the 1919 conven-I tion of the American Warehousemen's Association, at Cincinnati, in December. In conjunction with that meeting there was for the first time in the country's industrial history a co-operative conference between representatives of the warehouse industry and traffic representatives of manufacturing companies and freight forwarders who use warehouses.

Traffic managers, sales managers, managers of transfer departments, distribution managers and officers of forwarding companies, went to Cincinnati to discuss with the warehousemen the controversies which for years have been mutual and the settlement of which had never been undertaken before in any organized way.

Both to the traffic representatives and to the warehousemen this conference was a revelation. While it disclosed that there was a common meeting ground on which the two sides could get together, if a permanent organization of manufacturers' representatives should be organized, there was revealed also that to an amazing extent there was need for constructive effort toward standardization of relations between shippers and storage executives.

Discussions at the Cincinnati convention showed that the two parties were unable to reach any agreement on many of the most simple fundamentals in relationship. The discussions proved that desired

reforms could be effected only through a process of conciliation to be matured through the strengthening of that relationship on a basis of future co-operation.

After the shippers' representatives had conferred with the warehousemen they held a meeting of their own and organized an advisory committee for the purpose of planning a national association in 1920. On this advisory body are the following:

Chairman, Frank E. Jones, traffic manager, Furniture Manufacturers' Association, Grand Rapids, Mich.

John J. Sinnott, traffic manager, F. F. Dalley Corporations, Ltd. (shoe polish manufacturers), Hamilton Ontario, Canada.

John Simon, manager of transfer department, Keystone Steel & Wire Company, Peoria, Illinois.

C. V. Wake, traffic manager, Hoosier Manufacturing Company (kitchen cabinets), New Castle, Indiana.

Herbert N. McEwen, vice-president, Acme Transfer and Storage Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Thomas A. Bradley, president, Acme Transfer and Storage Company, New York City, N. Y. C. G. Yates, traffic manager, Vick Chemical Com-

pany, Greensboro, North Carolina.

H. B. Rubey, traffic manager, P. W. Drackett & Sons Company (washing soda), Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. Stanley Grant, traffic and distribution manager, James B. Sipe & Company (oils and paint specialties), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Other companies which had their traffic representatives present at the Cincinnati meeting included:

Colgate & Company, Jersey City.

Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati. Indian Packing Company, Chicago. Postum Cereal Company, Cincinnati. Whitaker Paper Company, Cincinnati. At the convention of the Central Warehousemen's Club at Kansas City, in January, Mr. Simon and Mr. McEwen, of the advisory committee, were present and outlined the purposes of the organization.

Purposes of Organization

Briefly, these include the following:

- Simplification and standardization of warehouses' rates and bills.
- 2. Agreements as to what service warehouses are expected to perform. (For instance, do their regular rates include making a daily report or a monthly report, or what? Do these rates include prompt delivery? Do they include handling a responsible amount of correspondence promptly?
- Discussion as to whether warehousemen should act more or less as sales agents.
- 4. Annual opportunity for shippers' representatives to meet jointly with the members of the American Warehousemen's Association and the American Chain of Warehouses, which hold conventions during the same week and at the same city.
- Standardization of stock reports, bills of lading, manifests, etc.
- 6. Understandings with warehousemen as to "flat rate" service—whether warehousemen should make separate charges for stenciling, clerical expenses, postage, stock reports, bills of lading and other documents. (Traffic managers generally object to the common warehousing practice of itemizing individual assessments.)
- 7. Co-operation with the American Warehousemen's Association's Pittsburgh Central Bureau which is to be made a clearing house for information which shippers desire regarding tariffs and other warehousing conditions in various communities.
- 8. Agreement on how warehousemen should handle unloading reports, outbound freight charges, freight extensions, damage claims, shortages in consigned goods.

- Agreement on warehousemen's liability in event of fire, theft, etc. What is warehousemen's responsibility in relation to insurance of shippers' goods.
- 10. Encouragement, by manufacturers, of better service by warehousemen in handling carload and c. l. c. shipments.

These are only a few of the fundamentals where reforms are necessary.

It is essential for manufacturers to know that at this time the warehouse industry is making an exhaustive and intelligent study of cost accounting and that the effect of this campaign will be in effect higher rates charged by the warehousemen. To quote the words of one of the traffic managers at Cincinnati:

"There must be no prohibitive rates charged by warehousemen. By organizing we can serve as a check on the storage men. If we have a strong organization we can serve our own interests, work harmoniously, standardize practices, and make it a fifty-fifty proposition with the warehousemen. The warehousemen can, and will, standardize 80 per cent. of their practices if they have standardized forms submitted to them by a traffic managers' organization. The warehousemen will adjust their business to meet our demands. If the warehousemen get fair prices, and get them uniformly, their facilities to handle distribution will be increased 100 per cent. The warehousemen must be told of the necessity of adjusting their business to meet traffic managers' demands or they will lose our patronage."

Plans for Co-operation with American Warehousemen's Association

A T Cincinnati the presence of the traffic managers was solicited in advance and welcomed at the convention. The tentative plans for an association of manufacturers' representatives who handle warehouse accounts was approved by the officers of the A. W. A., and there was discussion as to whether such an association should be an independent one or become affiliated with the A. W. A. as a sub-division.

The consensus of opinion on both sides was that the shippers' body should function independently.

The A. W. A. desires, for mutual betterment of all concerned, an organization of manufacturers' representatives and will co-operate with it, as will the

American Chain of Warehouses, at conventions. The attitude of the A. W. A. is expressed in the following message which James F. Keenan, of Pittsburgh, president, has authorized this committee to convey to prospective members of the proposed organization:

"I have been informed by those actively identified with the American Warehousemen's Association that this movement, in their opinion, is one of the best things ever attempted to help the warehousing industry, and I believe others will agree with this statement."

And George S. Lovejoy, of Boston, vice-president (Concluded on page 18)

Are You

Reactionary or Progressive? A Standpatter or a Live Wire?

Have you won the confidence of the banker from whom you would borrow?

Have you studied the distribution facilities in your territory?

Have you sold yourself to the manufacturer?

Are you wasting profit-earning space?

Do you study competitors' methods?

Have you eliminated fire hazards?

Do you use labor saving devices?

Do you study traffic conditions?

Is your plant properly located?

Do you advertise intelligently?

Whether your answer is "Yes" or "No" to any one of these questions, it will repay you many times over to read the series of articles which Charles H. Moores, warehouse engineer, has written exclusively for

Distribution & Warehousing

The first of these, "The Merchandise Warehouse," begins on the opposite page. The others will be published during the coming months. In their completed form they will be equivalent to an interpretation of present-day conditions in the warehouse industry. They will point the finger of commonsense counsel in the direction of the industry's logical development.

The Warehouseman who Wants to Grow Will Watch for These Articles and, after Reading Them, He Will Preserve Them

TRAFFIC AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGERS WILL FIND THESE ARTICLES INFORMATIVE

The Merchandise Warehouse*

by

CHARLES H. MOORES

(Of Moores & Dunford, Warehouse Engineers)

HE cave or shelter hut of the primitive savage is the parent of the present warehouse.

His natural instinct and budding reason led him to store during the harvest season—the time of plenty—for the use of his family in winter. As the families united into tribes, certain families stored more than others, and trading began. As the tribes lost their mutual distrust, commerce—transportation with trade—finally developed.

The warehousing idea grew and improved with civilization and the trading or so-called business interests of man have advanced through the succeeding centuries. Nevertheless, up to the Twentieth Century there was comparatively little scientific development of the warehouse in design, handling equipment or adaptation to the needs of the producer in his distribution problem, especially in the choice of central points in the various districts of the country.

The congested condition of distribution, brought to light during the war, has forced the warehouseman to extend his business and has taught him that to hold his business he must install modern improvements. The merchandise or distributing branch of the warehouse business has never been developed other than in a few of the largest cities. Sixty per cent of the men operating so-called merchandise warehouses are unaware of the great possibilities of a modern distributing warehouse with its numerous service departments and their real value to the producer, the importer and the people of their district; nor do they comprehend their economic relations with the credit and banking systems of this country.

It is true that a number of modern warehouses have been built in the last few years. Investigation will show that few of them are modern, so far as layout or equipment are concerned, and very little if any trained organization for distributing service is maintained. You will find that most of such warehouses have been erected by jobbers and manufacturers at points of production or import, or in districts where their product is distributed.

These conditions have required a greater investment of capital by the producers or jobbers than in most cases should have been necessary, although required by them in order to serve their customers, and, through them, the public.

This method of distributing their products was forced on them by the lack of public warehouses, and in a still greater measure by the lack of efficient service provided by those which were in operation.

The results obtained are of an unsatisfactory nature and at an expense far greater than would be required for the same or better service provided by a modern merchandise and distributing warehouse. If it were a fact that such space and efficient distributing service were available, millions of dollars of manufacturing capital that could be used to much better advantage in expansion of plants and increase of production would be released.

Since the World War, much interest in the warehouse situation has been displayed by the Government, the railroads, Chambers of Commerce and business men. A great deal has been said about the utter lack of distributing facilities, and many unfamiliar with manufacturing industries and warehouse operations of the past say that times have changed and we must rearrange our business systems to meet the new conditions.

This is not a fact, however. Conditions, so far as warehousing and distribution are concerned, have not altered. The sudden awakening of the producer together with the voicing of demand for distributing warehouses at points of distribution, is nothing new. The same demand has been here for years, but the warehousemen have not met it.

The producer and the general public became aware of the situation only after the searchlight of Government inquiry, due to war necessities rather than to far-sighted interest, had been turned on it, exposing the facts that we had no real merchandise warehouse systems, that the manufacturer and distributor were shipping in small or less than carload lots, and that the wholesaler and retailer were holding cars at destination, paying demurrage for the privilege of using them as warehouses.

The congestion due to this antiquated method of warehousing and distribution caused the Railroad Administration much grief during the first year after the entry of this country into the European war, and the Government found it necessary to issue instructions to unload whole trainloads of merchandise into fields without protection in order to release rolling stock. Drastic as this action was, it did not relieve the condition to any great extent.

Accumulation of carload lots at interior points and the accumulation of merchandise for cargo shipment abroad were impossible with the facilities at hand.

Even with the commandeering of all available building at intermediate points, the facilities were inadequate for Army purposes, to say nothing of serving the general public.

This condition has been given much publicity and the warehouseman, the banker and the business interests are now awake to the situation and will arise to meet it.

The next few years will see great developments in

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modern warehousing and distribution, and the proprietor or operator of a non-fireproof warehouse with equipment able to give little or no service will soon be a thing of the past. If he is alive and willing to be progressive he will reorganize his business, build modern warehouses and develop an organization that can give real service.

On the other hand, if he is satisfied to remain in the same old rut, operating along the same old lackadaisical non-service line, he will sooner or later be absorbed or forced out of business by modern competition

Many warehousemen give little thought to the situation other than to sell warehouse space in any old building that can be secured at the cheapest rental or lowest possible purchase price regardless of its antiquated design or dilapidated condition. Generally buildings that are useless for any other purpose and rented cheaply for that reason are made use of. Apparent bargains of this kind are often found to be serious problems, inasmuch as the warehouseman sooner or later finds that the rent paid plus the cost of operation is more, for the actual space available for storage purposes, than his competitor pays for the same available space in a modern building with its lower operating costs.

This is doubly true since the high cost of labor came

into effect.

Small Returns Deplored

In one sense it is regrettable that the returns on the cheaper class of storage in antiquated, non-fireproof warehouses are satisfactory remuneration to some warehousemen. They are unaware of the injustice they are doing to progressive warehousemen, retail merchants, and the people of their district, as well as the producers, by not developing their opportunity. They do not seem to have any ambition to improve their condition, until some progressive warehouseman from another city or some live business man builds a modern house that can and will give the required service. Then it is usually too late to retrieve the lost opportunity, inasmuch as the new enterprise has been carefully developed, all plans for the design, construction, operation and advertising campaign having been completed before the project is made public. In many instances, accounts have been contracted for in advance, even for some that the local warehouseman is at that time handling.

Financial Aid

The recognition of real worth, earning power and the necessity of modern merchandise and distributing warehouses by the banks and financial interests will make it possible for deserving and progressive warehousemen with good-going businesses now operating non-fireproof and inefficient warehouses, to secure financial assistance to erect modern and properly designed buildings and to procure the necessary equipment.

The Government is awake to the vital necessity; the people, the banks and the producers must have them to better their economic conditions.

This is the warehouseman's opportunity.

From the warehouseman's point of view, it pre-

sents the greatest opportunity in the last decade—one of developing a small warehouse business into a high-class commercial enterprise.

There are thousands of manufacturers in this country looking in vain for the proper kind of service and the chance to get their product on the market in your district.

The manufacturer, the producer and the importer demand modern fireproof storage space that will give them the lowest possible rate of insurance and a warehouse organization that is thoroughly responsible morally and financially, preferably one with banking connections where negotiable receipts may be used as collateral and accepted by bankers without hesitation due to the type of warehouse and the integrity of the management.

Efficiency

While this first qualification is of vital importance, there is a still further qualification necessary to the successful operation of a distributing warehouse.

That is SERVICE.

Service in all branches that the producer can depend upon.

Much development is necessary to bring the average warehouse business up to an efficient standard. Therefore careful study of modern designs of warehouse layouts, mechanical handling equipment and systematic methods of operation of the various departments, is necessary if the warehouseman hopes to compete in this modern development in warehousing and distribution.

He must have warehouses that are modern and fireproof, so equipped and managed that the producer can consign to him merchandise in carload lots for storage, with full confidence in the warehouseman's ability to give him prompt and satisfactory service in the distribution of his product; reshipping or delivering by motor truck on order in small lots to the manufacturer's customers in that district.

Judgment in Design

The development of a warehouse business requires more than telling your local architect or engineer that you want a building of so many square feet of floor space and four walls, leaving it to his understanding and ability to produce an economical warehouse. In most cases the local architect or engineer has had little or no knowledge or experience in warehouse development. It is true they have built loft buildings, but a loft building is not a warehouse. If the design of such a structure you should use the same sound judgment to protect your business interests as you do your family. If a member of your family is seriously ill do you secure the services of a novice or of a specialist to give him the proper medical treatment?

Your warehouse business is sick; therefore the same sound judgment should be employed in the design of your warehouse. Engineers who are thoroughly conversant with the most modern designs of merchandise warehouses in all districts of this country as well as abroad and who have made a special study of the warehouse business, its requirements and methods of operation, should be retained to design your buildings and to aid you in the selection

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method can you hope to have for a finished product a highly efficient modern warehouse.

You have a territory of 10,000 square miles or more to which you can distribute from your warehouse. Many manufacturers and producers are not distributing in your territory, not because there is no sale for their products, but due to the fact that they have no intimate knowledge of the territory or conditions.

Have You "Sold" the Shipper?

In getting into communication with them, explain to them the service you can render. Describe your warehouse and distributing facilities. Tell them about your territory, the number of people that you can serve from your warehouse as a distributing center. Give them some information about the number of stores and the possible demand for their product. In other words, sell them on your district the same as any other business enterprise would do. Organize and put into operation a motor truck department or distributing service by motor truck and tell them about it. Let them know the difference between motortruck delivery and re-shipment by railroad to local points. Mention the day's time saved in delivery to their customers. Bring forth the fact of satisfied customers and the lack of grief in the transaction.

You will find that if this method is employed your business will increase by leaps and bounds.

If you have decided that new building and new methods are necessary, the first step is a systematic survey of the possibilities of the warehouse business in the city in which the warehouse is to be located, carefully going over all commodities received and making a list of the shippers, together with an approximation of the tonnage that is handled for distribution directly in your city; looking well into the less than carload shipments made from and received by local wholesale and retail merchants; then carefully investigating the surrounding district to which the producer can distribute from your warehouse.

Often the area within a radius of 150 miles or more will use your warehouse as a distributing point.

Know Your Territory!

A survey of the entire district should be made to ascertain the full possibilities, carefully listing the various small towns, the number of stores and the population.

It has been called to the writer's attention a number of times that cities with a population of 25,000 are found to be the distributing centers for an area of 10,000 square miles with a population of over 300,000.

For instance, Mason City, Iowa, has a population of perhaps 26,000 and is within easy trucking cartage distance of nearly 350,000 people.

Such an investigation will probably show, much to your surprise, that many producers ship their products to the nearest large center where warehouse facilities can be secured and distribute them from there to your city and district, much to the disadvantage of your local merchants in freight rates and service. This is made necessary by the lack of proper warehouse and distributing facilities in your city.

Only after such an investigation has been care-

of the proper handling equipment. Only by this fully made, either by your own organization or by engineers thoroughly conversant with warehousing and distribution, are you in a position to know definitely the type and size of warehouse that will fill the demand. You are then also in a position to know or you have a good idea of the commodities that will be handled. This means much in the design of a warehouse and the selection of handling devices.

The requirements of no two cities or districts are exactly alike, and often the mistake is made of duplicating a warehouse plant in another city. The warehouseman, much to his regret, soon finds that the new building does not fill the requirements. This would not have occurred if he had made a systematic investigation of the conditions.

Unit Construction

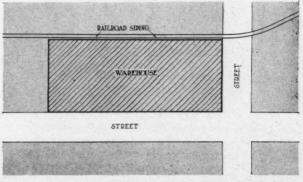
In this preliminary work due consideration must be given the fact that much of the business will not be given you until you have proved to the producer and the storing public that you can and will give the proper service as well as modern warehouse space. Therefore, in many cases, the warehouse should not be built to cover the maximum findings of the investigation, but designed and built in units, so that after the first unit is filled and the demand sufficient, the second unit may be built, and then the third.

After the survey has been satisfactorily completed and the ultimate size of the warehouse decided upon. the next step is to secure a satisfactory location or

As much careful thought should be used in the selection of the site as on the preliminary survey. The general lay of the land, size and width and street frontage as well as track facilities, have much to do with the efficient operation of a warehouse. Irregular lots work out to a disadvantage, whereas an oblong lot, preferably a corner property, with streets on the front and one side, and a side track possibly along the other side, as shown on the accompanying sketch, is ideal.

It is true that it is difficult to find locations of this kind that have the other necessary qualifications or that are within easy access and also are within short cartage distance from the wholesale and retail dis-

One of the most vital points and one next in importance to railroad facilities is that the warehouse



Suggested as an ideal location for a warehouse site.

The right spot means right profits

be located on good hard or paved streets. Otherwise, your cartage and distribution will be costly and at times impossible.

Computing Earning Power

After the location has been selected and acquired, preliminary drawings of the new warehouse should be prepared by competent engineers, showing all units of the proposed building—a complete layout of the new plant. These drawings, while preliminary, should indicate the superstructure, general layout and handling devices, together with indications of the available space and office layouts.

After preliminary plans have been prepared, illustrations of the exterior and interior of the buildings should be furnished. When the plans and illustrations are completed, a detailed report, setting forth the entire findings of the investigation, should be prepared, using the drawings and illustrations to make plain the full description of the design and the operation of the warehouse as shown, tabulating the space available for storage and the rate of charge that will be used, computing from this the earning power of the new building, using the space available and the prices given as the basis, and deducting a reasonable amount of space for a constant vacancy. Also a close estimate of the cost of the land, buildings, equipment and operating expenses should be made and incorporated in this report.

Winning the Banker's Confidence

With a report of this kind in hand, you and your associates or your board of directors are in a position intelligently to pass upon the amount of improvements that shall be made. You have also in your possession a document that your banker will understand, inasmuch as it contains facts and figures logically set forth, and you will find that you will have little difficulty in interesting outside capital or your banker to get the necessary building loan or additional capital to complete the improvements.

Such a report will show that your arrangements have been completed only after a careful study of the entire situation has been made, and will be an argument in your favor in the eyes of the banker. Also, it will indicate that the management of the new warehouse will be in safe hands.

You will succeed in obtaining the necessary funds while an equally deserving project may fail entirely. This will be due to the fact that the warehouseman who is your competitor has not given the conditions the proper thought and has not gone into the possibilities in a systematic manner; he has also failed to present the most attractive features in an understandable way, showing that he has not studied the situation, and perhaps will indicate to the banker a lack of ability to handle a project as large as he contemplates.

After satisfactory financial arrangements have been made, the thought should then be turned to design and construction. As previously stated, if experienced warehouse engineers have not already been employed in the preparation of the preliminary drawings, by all means obtain the services of such engineers on the final design. An engineer who has been

trained in the proper manner, who has studied scientific methods of operation of a warehouse, is best qualified to serve you.

The growth of a highly efficient warehouse can be favorably compared with that of the skillfully designed automatic machine. Only when the progress of engineering skill makes possible a completely mechanically operated warehouse, so far as the handling of commodities in and out is concerned, will we have the finished product in the warehouse. The development of a warehouse may be likened to the improvement of the machine from the first crude product of a foot- or man-power lathe, advancing step by step to the power stage, the semi-automatic, and finally to the direct motor-driven automatic machine.

The Age of the Specialist

So with the warehouse. From the poor shelter stage with man as the beast of burden to the nonfireproof house with hand elevator service and crude trucks; then to the specially designed fireproof warehouse with power elevators and efficient trucks; and then to the present-day modern fireproof warehouse with the first attempt at mechanical handling devices and tiering machines which will pass on in the future to more scientific designs with automatic loading and unloading devices and perfected handling equipment, bringing the warehouse nearer and nearer to the finished product, giving the highest type of public service. Therefore the design of the modern warehouse is essentially the work of highly trained engineers who are specialists, and the greatest care should be utilized in the choice of design of your building.

Economy of Flat Slab

The design of the superstructure should have first consideration. If the engineer is experienced in warehouse design, the spacing of columns and type of floor construction will be chosen that will be best adapted to the warehouse business. The writer has found that the flat slab type of construction is most economical both in cost and operation, giving the least lost space and offering no beams or girders to interfere with the piling of the merchandise. This type of construction also presents a much better appearance and is easier to sprinkle, if sprinkling equipment is desired. Care, however, should be taken in the choice of contractors or builders, to employ only those who are familiar with flat slab construction.

As the design progresses, the floor plan should be laid out to a large scale in order that the general arrangements of aisles, storage space, handling equipment and stairs may be carefully studied. This work should be done only by one familiar with the actual operation of a warehouse—who can visualize just how this particular warehouse, which he is designing, will operate. Often days of study are required before the layout is completed to the satisfaction of the owner and the engineer.

Particular attention should be paid to the lost space or amount on each floor that is given to aisles, elevators, etc. It should be borne in mind that the main revenues of a warehouse come from the sale of space, and that each foot of lost space is the loss to its owner of so many dollars and cents each year.

Lost Space Means Lost Profits

With the layout arranged, the column spacing and ceiling heights will then be determined. It is the writer's experience that from 9 feet 6 inches to 10 feet in the clear is the most economical story height for a modern merchandise warehouse. If sprinkler equipment is installed, then additional height must be given to allow for the sprinkler equipment. There is also a most economical column spacing as far as construction cost and piling of goods are concerned. This can be determined only after the size of building is known.

In the design of the building, utmost caution should be taken to make the structure as a whole conform to the requirements of the Board of Fire Underwriters' Code. All stair wells, elevator shafts and mechanical handling equipment should be enclosed and all doors leading into them or between compartments should bear the Board of Underwriters' label and have automatic closing devices. All windows on exposed sides should be of metal sash with wire glass and bear the same label. To obtain the lowest possible insurance rate on contents, the building should be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system. In the northern portion of the country, where a long period of cold weather is experienced, it is better to install the dry system; otherwise it will be necessary to heat the entire building both day and night, and if, due to negligence on the part of your fireman, the fire should go out and the sprinkler system freeze, the damage both to the equipment and the contents of the warehouse would be great.

From an underwriter's point of view it is desirous to have the floors so designed that they will slope slightly at the end of all aisles so that in case of fire or the accidental discharge of a sprinkler head, the sloping of the floor would carry the water to the wall and out through the scupper holes, not permitting it to flow from floor to floor, by running down stair well or elevator shaft to other floors.

Laying Out the First Floor

Standpipe connection for the steamer in the front of the building should also be installed and lengths of hose properly distributed so that any portion of any floor could be reached in case of failure of the automatic sprinkler system or water mains. By this method the city engine can pump directly into your water supply and standpipe.

In the layout of the first floor, the level chosen should be one that will bring the floor to the same level as the floor of a freight car on the side track and as nearly as possible to the level of a wagon or truck at the delivery or wagon dock. Care should also be taken to have the proper number of shipping doors both for wagon dock and for sidetrack facilities, as well as the proper amount of handling equipment, the kind and amount of which is directly dependent upon the floor space and the commodities handled. They should be laid out and chosen only after figures of these requirements have been determined upon. Much depends upon the proper capacities.

Oiling the Small Cogs

There are also a number of important minor details, such as house telephone connections, lighting, heating, shower baths and lunch room for employes, layout of offices, equipment of offices, etc., that must be given careful consideration. While the minor details seem to be simple, all have their functions to perform, and the successful operation of the whole depends on each unit or detail fitting smoothly into the completed machine.

While the plans and specifications are being prepared, the real work of the management starts. It is apparent that it is necessary to have an organization that will be as modern and efficient in the new work as the new warehouse. Earnest thought must be given each separate department; some of the work may be new to your business.

As much information as possible should be obtained on warehouse systems now in operation in some of the more modern establishments of the large cities, either by your organization direct, or through a maintenance engineer familiar with warehouse operation. The better parts of the several good systems should be selected and only such chosen as apply directly to your conditions.

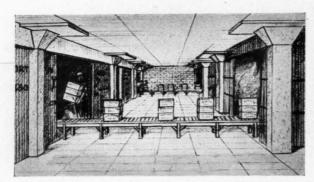
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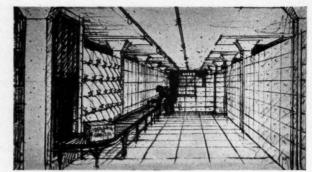
In the study of the storage problem due consideration must be given the fact that in a merchandise and distributing warehouse the bulk of the business will be in carload lots of fast moving commodities. Therefore the arrangement of clerical force and track facilities should be completed with this in mind. Also the layout of floor space should be arranged accordingly. In most of the smaller warehouses where small lots are the rule, the warehouseman is in the habit of storing from ten to fifteen feet deep, thus losing in aisle space, as this requires two main aisles in addition to the cross aisles in a building from 50 to 60 feet wide; while with merchandise in carload lots and particularly fast moving commodities only one aisle is necessary, as the commodity can be stored in space from 20 to 40 feet deep, dependent upon the sizes of the lots.

Many really efficient warehouses are failures so far as large earnings and service are concerned, entirely due to inefficient systems and lack of proper handling equipment. The manager or warehouse superintendent should give each shipment consideration before it is stored. Fast moving commodities should have space where they can be handled quickly and at the least possible handling cost. Heavy and bulky merchandise or machinery hard to move should be stored on the first floor, when possible, in space where the commodity will require least handling when it is to be removed.

Too Little Thought to Handling

A careful study of the better way of handling and the best places to store the different commodities will not only greatly increase your service but also greatly strengthen the right side of your ledger. Too little thought has been given the handling of merchandise. The majority of warehousemen are prone





Eliminate "the strong back and the weak head" methods in your warehouse. By this conveyor system goods are moved from freight car to elevator and, at an upper floor, from elevator to pile. Why let labor costs eat into your profits?

to let well enough alone and stick to the old "strong back and weak head" methods. The recent rapid rise in the wage scale of the laborer will prove a blessing in disguise to many, for it will force them to turn their attention to mechanical handling devices. The very manufacturer whom they now serve has long ago discarded the old method of handling this commodity and is now using mechanical handling equipment to move the very same merchandise which they are trucking by man-power and say cannot be accomplished with mechanical equipment.

A little thought and investigation along this particular line, combined with the services of engineers who are qualified to advise, would be a paying investment to many warehouses and develop not only quicker and better service but greatly reduce the labor cost of handling merchandise in and out of the warehouse.

To-day in some of the more modern warehouses the merchandise is checked out of the car, and at the car door placed directly on a conveyor, which will carry it by gravity without power to a specially designed tray elevator, to which it is automatically transferred without man-power or attention and raised to the floor where it is to be stored. There, again, it is automatically taken off or discharged on to a receiving table, or, if desired, automatically delivered at the floor to another gravity conveyor that will carry it to the pile to be stacked.

It is obvious that such an arrangement will handle carload lots of merchandise more quickly and efficiently by eliminating trucking and labor. This, it will be seen, greatly increases the profit of the warehouseman, inasmuch as the handling charge of merchandise in and out of the house usually is equal to a month's storage charge. The accompanying two illustrations show first, a gravity conveyor handling merchandise from the car directly to a tray elevator, and then the tray elevator discharging on to a gravity conveyor that carries the commodity to the pile. This is standard equipment and can be obtained at any one of the several manufacturers of conveyors. Eighty per cent of the commodities stored in the average warehouse can be handled by this equipment if properly installed.

This equipment can also be used in the same efficient manner to lower and transport merchandise from the various floors above to the freight car for

reshipment or to the wagon dock for distribution or delivery.

Provide Ample Truck Space

One of the gravest mistakes usually made in the design of a warehouse is to provide inadequate dock space for motor truck or wagon deliveries. The writer has often found trucks that have had to wait from one to two hours to discharge or receive a load. This is a direct loss of money if the trucks belong to you and a decided loss of good nature, with a possible loss of business, if they belong to your customer.

Investigation shows that this congestion and delay are often due to old trucking methods of handling merchandise, and inadequate elevators or conveyors. Such conditions are costly in any business and every effort to avoid this unsatisfactory arrangement should be made in the design of a new building or in the remodeling of an old one. With the proper handling devices such as those described, a small shipping space or wagon dock will handle a surprisingly large volume of merchandise, doing it at a very low cost; and, what is more, you will have satisfied customers.

A majority of the warehousemen of to-day have little or no knowledge of traffic requirements or tariff rates, and the important part that they play in a well-organized warehouse business. Many have spent the greater portion of their lives in small houses and still use the antiquated methods and systems of their forefathers that are in no way applicable to modern warehouse operation. The management of every modern and efficient establishment should include on its staff a superintendent or shipping clerk thoroughly conversant with traffic conditions and tariff rates.

An advertising campaign should also be started for new business to fill the house. Most warehousemen overlook the fact that there are several thousand producers in this country, few of whom have any accurate knowledge of your district. Many would become good customers if a full description of the possibilities and inducements offered were given them, together with a good working knowledge of your warehouse and distributing facilities. This data will be available to you from your preliminary survey and may be added to by data compiled by your local Chamber of Commerce.

What to Tell the Distributor

It is not sufficient to write the manufacturers giving the storage facilities you have and soliciting their business. This does not give them any information relative to your district or offer inducement for investigation. In writing, give as much information as you can relative to the possibilities and field for their product; tell them about your warehouse facilities and the services you can offer in distributing by rail, motor truck and reconsignment. Such a campaign should fill the warehouse almost before it is completed, and will cost very little.

It is not the amount of advertising you do that pays, but the way you do it and the reaching of the right people. As your advertising campaign proceeds there will be innumerable requests for rates for storage and distribution. At this point, good business judgment must be used and plenty of self-esteem will be profitable. In establishing your rates, bear in mind that yours is not the rate of the old non-fireproof non-service warehouse, but the rate of modern storage space with modern service—service that will be second to none—also remembering that the American business man pays for service; warehousing means little to him-but warehousing plus service talks money. Therefore, space plus service equals price or rate you will receive, and this is directly dependent upon the type of service you can give.

Belong!

If you are a member of one of the various warehousemen's associations, get their package and square foot rate for merchandise storage and their rate of charge for handling and distribution. If you are not a member, become affiliated with one. In the East and Central States, the American Warehousemen's Association should be attractive. In the West and Central West, the Central Warehousemen's Club will be of great benefit to you.

Find out what your brother warehousemen are charging for modern storage, handling charges and distribution. Be sure when you get their rates that they are a modern service organization with a high type of building. You will find that the progressive warehousemen are making separate charges for the following:

Package rate or square foot rate by the month with a minimum charge of one month.

Charge for handling the commodity in and out of the warehouse.

Handling for reshipping or delivery of merchandise that does not go into the warehouse for

Negotiable warehouse receipts.

All cartage.

Handling of accounts.

Display space and sales department.

Negotiations of loans on warehouse receipts.

In view of the above a special scale of charges should be compiled and the rates for the new business established, bearing in mind that it is much easier to get a right and satisfactory price at the start than it is to raise the price after the business is established.

Also have no fear of not filling the warehouse and

above all do not take cheap accounts just to fill the building.

Remember that a warehouse half full at full price is more profitable than a building filled at half price. Be sure to get off on the right foot.

Ask your engineer.

He knows the price and what the other warehousemen are getting; if he does not, you have empoyed the wrong engineer.

As you start to book space for the new warehouse, study the commodities; become familiar with the sizes and weights; visualize their handling and determine methods of piling and handling in and out.

Much of the success of the warehouse depends upon the knowledge of the management of the commodities handled and its ability to take care of the storage quickly and at the least expense.

"Know Your Business!"

Keep in close touch with your business.

Become familiar with the fast moving accounts.

Locate and pile them to advantage so that the vacant space may be used from day to day as the commodities go out.

Make it a part of your business to become a part of the machine—not just the "boss." If you will do this, the time will soon come when you can "let George do it," so to speak; but not until you can teach "George," and you cannot do that until you know yourself.

Be careful.

Do not let "George" teach you; otherwise it will come about that you will do it instead of "George."

As the construction work proceeds and the building is finished and ready for occupancy, care must be taken to see that it is thoroughly dry before the period for storage begins.

This is a very simple matter and requires only a few salamanders burning on each floor for a few days with the windows open. This method will expand the air and carry out the moisture.

Once the building is dry it will stay so.

As soon as the operation of the warehouse starts, your men should be taught the proper use of the handling devices.

Do not be discouraged if they do not get the results at once.

It is up to you to see that they do.

They perhaps will not take kindly to them at the start and would much prefer going back to the old methods of hand trucking.

That is human nature, but as soon as they see the real value you will have no further difficulty.

Even they, when they start to compare the difference between trucking a carload of canned goods from the freight car and lifting it to the fourth floor to pile it, will see the advantage of the new way over the old.

With the first or old method, with either two or four wheeled truck, the merchandise is loaded on the truck and two men pull or push it to the elevator, standing there until the elevator is brought to the floor.

The truck is then pulled on to the elevator and the men ride up to the fourth floor, pull the truck off the elevator and down the aisle to the pile where it is to be stacked.

Usually this is done leisurely and without supervision. The men then walk back, pulling the empty truck to the elevator, perhaps resting awhile and telling a story before they ring the bell, wait for the elevator to come up, ride down to the first floor and pull the truck to the shipping platform and car for another load. What percentage of their time is used in actually handling the merchandise and what percentage is used in lost motion?

Compare the conditions with conveyors and automatic handling equipment.

A checker checks the commodity out of the car and laborers place it on the gravity conveyor which carries it without power directly to the automatic tray elevator, where it is picked up without manpower, raised to the required floor and taken off automatically. It can be, if you choose, carried by another gravity conveyor to the pile, eliminating all trucking; and what is more, the men piling have to work as fast as the men at the car or they would be covered.

There is no lost motion here and this by far is the most economical and quickest way to handle merchandise.

After once it has been seen, it is not hard to determine the proper method of handling.

Remember your payroll and that you receive the same handling charge regardless of whether the commodity is handled by men or machinery. Therefore, in the final analysis, the success, earning power and service you give depend much upon the good judgment of yourself and your engineer in properly equipping your warehouse.

The points brought up are equally of value to the

man with a fireproof but poorly equipped warehouse that can be altered with a little expense, as they are to the man who expects to build. They will greatly increase the efficiency and earning power.

The writer during the fall of the year 1919 and also this winter visited many cities and gathered much first-hand information relative to the present-day methods of operation in the different localities of the country.

He found a rather general lack of co-operation among the warehousemen of many districts. Cooperation rather than distrust is the rule to-day. The writer strongly advises affiliation with associations of warehousemen.

In some sections the lack of warehouse facilities is deplorable and the knowledge of systematic modern warehousing and distribution is practically *nil*. In some of the more isolated districts, the warehousemen have very little idea of or hardly any information on accounting systems, the paper work necessary to the successful operation of warehouses, modern methods of storing and universal negotiable warehouse receipts.

It is very much to the interest of all warehousemen to cultivate the acquaintance of such firms as may assist in modernizing their businesses, bringing their operating systems and business policies up to the standard of the best.

In most cities there is much to be done along this line and this can be accomplished only through the good work of warehouse associations, either local city associations or State, and the helping hand of the modern warehousemen with a little consideration for their less fortunate competition will do much to standardize the business.

(Watch for other articles by Mr. Moores)

DISTRIBUTORS' CONVENTION

(Concluded from page 9)

of the A. W. A., and one of the leading merchandise warehousemen in the country, writes to the committee:

"I have received a great many comments from the warehousemen throughout the country, stating what a good thing this movement was, and I have received calls from a number of traffic managers at my office and they have spoken of the matter in the same way, and I know it will lead to a better understanding between warehousemen and their customers. I thoroughly believe in co-operation, where it is done from a straightforward standpoint, and I feel that the traffic managers can accomplish by co-operation just what the warehousemen have in the last few years in their line of business."

Conclusion

I T is not the thought of the advisory committee that the new organization would in any way conflict with the activities of the National Industrial Traffic League.

The membership of the proposed body would be confined exclusively to shippers' representatives who handle warehouse accounts. It is, indeed, conceivable that there would be many ways in which the two organizations could work in co-operation, as in the matter of railroad freight conditions, but with the proposed body dealing with the phases which concern relations with warehouses.

It is essential that the advisory committee know in advance how many manufacturers and forwarders desire to be represented at the Chicago Convention. Letters of support and inquiry should be addressed to Mr. Jones, care of the Furniture Manufacturers' Association of Grand Rapids, Mich., or to the editor of Distribution & Warehousing.

NOW TURN TO PAGE 34

and read what a traffic manager and a warehouseman have to say about some of YOUR problems.

The Science of

Knowing Your Business and Your Profits Is

COST ACCOUNTING

Others Are Making Money on Handling—Are YOU?

HE introduction of scientific methods of cost finding into the business systems of some of the largest merchandise warehouses in the New York metropolitan district is a definite step forward in the growth of warehousing, an industry which is to-day in its infancy.

Through the Port of New York Warehousemen's Bureau of Information, guesswork as to the costs of handling the commodities which pass through these warehouses is to be eliminated. This will mean revised schedules of revenue obtained. It will assure profits that, while fair to the shipper, are commensurate with the services performed, taking into account the expenditures which must be made to finance the labor necessary for handling goods in and out of warehouses from and to cars, trucks, lighters and piers.

The end sought is nothing more or less than a fair profit. The cost accounting systems introduced will enable these warehousemen each to determine exactly what tariffs to fix in order to obtain that profit.

The storage executives are of the opinion that no shipper will begrudge a warehouseman a profit that is fair. Through the cost finding methods, all danger of charging unfair and excessive rates will be removed. Haphazard ways of fixing tariffs will be something of the past, and the manufacturers who distribute through warehouses will be beneficiaries of this reform.

For months to come the eyes of the storage industry will be trained upon the work which is being done through the Port of New York Warehousemen's Bureau of Information. This is so because results which will be important to the industry's prosperity and development are to be passed along to warehousing communities elsewhere for their guidance.

This is to be accomplished through the instrumentality of the Central Bureau, the clearing house for information that has been established at Pittsburgh by the



A tripartite pledge

American Warehousemen's Association.

As explained in Distribution & Warehousing, March issue, cost accounting is to be the keynote of a campaign to be conducted among storage executives generally by the national organization. What warehousemen in Massachusetts and Rhode Island accomplished in cost finding as the pioneers in the movement, was the basis of propaganda which has been spread to New York and several other territories, and eventually every warehousing community of any size will be organized to carry on the inquiries for the mutual benefit of all. The trend is unmistakably in that direction, and the necessary co-operation has been stimulated by the knowledge that in New England, and now in New York, all warehousemen who have taken up cost accounting have discovered that it more than pays for itself.

Ten of the large merchandise warehouses in New York recently put into use a series of standardized cost accounting forms, and reports from these have already begun to come in at the office of H. I. Jacobson, certified public accountant, who is manager of the Port of New York Warehousemen's Bureau of Information. These reports are analyzed and filed, and the information to be derived from them will eventually be placed in possession of Charles L. Criss, in charge of the Central Bureau at Pittsburgh, and Mr. Criss will pass it on to warehousemen elsewhere.

Under the New York system of cost finding, five forms are in use. These are illustrated on pages 20 and 21. Briefly, commodities handled are first entered on Form A or on both Form A and Form B. depending on whether goods are rehandled between the time they enter and leave the warehouse; from' Form A and Form B the entries are carried on to Form C; thence to Form D; and totals from all Forms D are entered on Form E. which shows the combined totals of given commodities that have been handled by the New York warehousemen. It is a summary of the Forms E-individual sheets for individual commodities - which will go to the Central Bureau in Pittsburgh.

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How does this system operate with a given commodity? As an example, assume that coffee is being received at a warehouse from the tail of a truck and that physical conditions in the plant are such that the coffee does not have to be rehandled before being delivered to car or lighter or pier. In Form A in the first column will be made the

entry "Coffee, 132 lb. bag, extruck" with a lot number. A cross will be entered in the column headed "received." Assuming the amount received is 300 bags, the number 300 will be entered in the column headed "quantity." If six men, including the foreman, are handling the shipment, the figure 6 goes in the proper column. If it

took from 9 o'clock to noon for the six men to unload, the entry "9-12" is entered in the double column headed "Time." Three hours per man is a total of eighteen manhours, and the figure 18 goes into the "Hours used" column. Similarly, if tiering or other service is necessary, the proper entries are made on Form B.

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To Form C are carried, from Form A and Form B, the totals, which are placed under the "Receiving and Tiering" section of Form C.

When the coffee is delivered to car or truck or lighter or pier, the proper entries intended to show the man-hours required, are placed on a Form A sheet, and transferral is made to the same Form C to which the receiving and tiering totals have meanwhile been taken.

Form D, the "Cumulative Handling Cost Record," now receives the combined totals in the "receiving and tiering" and "delivering" sections of Form C. These entries may show that, in the process of handling the 300 bag shipment of coffee into and out of the warehouse, a total of eighty man-hours was required. That is, eighty hours of labor were necessary for the handling of 600 bags (300 bags in and 300 bags out). Form D is designed for recording the labor of given commodities, so that twenty separate lots of coffee may be en-

tered on Form D in a month's time, the total each month to be carried over to Form E.

Assume that the average payroll cost for labor in handling commodities through New York merchandise warehouses is 66 2/3 cents per hour. On eighty hours this amounts to \$53.33. Allowing 150 per cent for overhead, a figure which will be found to be very conservative in New York distributing warehouses, this then amounts to \$133.33. Allowing, finally, 10 per cent for profit, the total cost for handling 600 bags of coffee is found to be \$146.66, or roughly 25 cents per bag.

The value of finding costs is emphasized when it is stated that New York warehousemen once handled coffee at an average of two cents a bag. They were losing money and did not know it.

One thing should be kept in mind by the warehouseman: if the labor charge is not sufficient, then the greater the turnover the greater the loss. If the handling

charge covered the labor payroll, then it might be true that a quick turnover would mean additional income, due to more advantageous use of space; but where labor is furnished at a loss, as it still is in many warehousing communities, the total received during the first month is insufficient to cover the labor cost, leaving no revenue at all from storage and resulting in the apparent absurdity of a quick turnover producing a great loss.

The discovery that losses were being incurred on handling in warehouses in Massachusetts, notwithstanding that profits were being made on the storing, is the foundation for the maxim or motto which the leaders in the cost accounting campaign are using today as an instrument of propaganda psychology at conventions of men in the industry. This maxim is:

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Traffic Club a Clearing House

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., March 22—The Grand Rapids Traffic Club has undertaken to make itself hereafter a clearing house for the transportation affairs of its members. In making known the plans to-day, Ernest L. Ewing, president, announced special committees would soon be appointed to consider subjects such as bills of lading, claims, classification and rates and tariffs, demurrage and storage, switching and terminals, etc. In the first of a series of bulletins to members, Mr. Ewing said:

"All the conditions of the past five years, combined with the present and rapidly increasing necessity for adequate and dependable transportation service, underlie the shipping problems that must be solved by the united efforts of shippers and carriers if commercial disaster is to be averted." He declared also that "transportation is of world importance, and every individual having anything to

do with the shipping and carrying of goods occupies a more important place in business affairs than ever before."

New Storage Co. in Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, March 20-The Pikes Peak Warehousing Company has been incorporated for \$100,000 and has begun erection of a modern fireproof warehouse to have 25,000 square feet of floor space in the first unit, the completed building to have 75,000 square feet. The warehouse will have A. T. & S. F. and Colorado & Southern and other trackage connections. The new company takes over the entire business of the Pikes Peak Transfer & Storage Company, together with that concern's fireproof warehouse with 25,000 square feet. The completed plant will be in operation probably by September. The officers of the new company are Frank M. Fletcher, president; H. C. Harmon, vice-president, and E. H. Ross, secretary.

Canadian Convention in April

WINNIPEG, March 5—The third annual convention of the Canadian Warehousemen's Association will be held here on April 15, 16 and 17. Roy F. Wrigley of Vancouver, secretary of the organization, announces that addresses will be delivered by fourteen leading transfer and storage men on subjects relating to the general merchandise, household goods and cold storage branches of the industry. Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Vancouver, Seattle and the Prairie cities will be represented.

To Build Addition

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 23—A permit has been taken out for the erection of a large addition to the warehouse of the Fireproof Warehouse & Storage Co. at 1024 North High Street. The contract calls for five stories and the foundation is being built. The estimated cost is \$40,000

WAREHOUSE REPORTS

by

E. STANLEY GRANT

Traffic and Distribution Manager, James B. Sipe & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

HIS is the story of how a manufacturing company has stopped knocking warehouses and has worked out a solution of the problem of obtaining satisfactory reports from the distributing warehouses which are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We do not claim that this method can be applied to all lines of stored goods, but we do know that it

has been a decided success in one line of business - a success for the warehouse just as much as for the manufacturer.

The Old System

THE story starts with our company, the manufacturer, doing business with warehouses in just about the usual way. We mailed orders from the home office to the warehouses, or perhaps a salesman telephoned the order: followed by confirmation from the home office; and the warehouse returned one copy of the order with bill of lading. The warehouses sent us bills whenever they felt like it: some monthly, some daily (an awful nuisance-those daily invoices). From the warehouses where a good many 'phone orders were handled we required a daily list of shipments. This daily report was simple, but its great defect was that it didn't carry a record of the stock on hand before or after shipment.

At the end of each month we required an inventory, on our blanks, which did not have to be a physical count excepting once in six months. Inventories were taken without any

assistance from the representatives of this company. In our home office we carried a daily balance of every kind of stock in every warehouse, which we checked monthly against the inventory reports.

Defects of Former Method

ORRESPONDENCE AND DELAY.-If a warehouse inventory did not agree with our office record it was quite impossible for us to learn the cause until we had corresponded with the warehouse. It was the middle of the following month before we could begin to get disagreements explained, and with those warehouses which were slow in answering correspondence we could not come to a settlement for two or three months, or even longer.

DJUSTMENT NOT REACHED .- A large proportion A of the warehouses look on correspondence as a nuisance, and we were at our wits' end to get some of the disagreements explained. One warehouse had accumulated in six months a shortage equal in value to its entire

charges for storage and trucking during that period, and after waiting six weeks we charged them with the value of this stock. (Afterward we learned that the manager of this warehouse had been allowing a little girl in his office to handle all of our correspondence and it never occurred to this little girl that the foreman had failed to

take an accurate count of stock.) We needed a method that would explain disagreements before the inventory was received. As outlined below we had to work out a system which would enable a warehouse to know whether its inventory figures were correct and to furnish us with all possible information when mailing us the inventory.

OO LONG GAP BETWEEN IN-VENTORIES.—A six months' gap between physical inventories is too long. If mistakes are being made in filling orders they will be forgotten in six months, and with a careless foreman a great deal of deterioration may take place unnoticed. On the other hand, a month is rather a short period between inventories unless stock moves quite rapidly, and the expense is hardly justifiable. We compromised on three months, entirely dropping the book inventories in between, but demanding a thorough

count every quarter.

ENUINENESS OF INVEN-TORY.—We had no check on the sincerity of the inventory. For instance, on July 1, 1919, a certain warehouse sent us a supposed report of physical inventory which checked beautifully with our records. Then on August 6 they surprised us with a voluntary inventory which showed many disagreements. The first inventory was from their books, and the second showed the real state of affairs. We now require a representative of this company to be present at every inventory. Our organization being small, this representative is usually a salesman. We have educated these men to realize that it is distinctly to their advantage to know what is going on in the warehouses which supply their par-

WAREHOUSE RECORDS INADEQUATE.—There was no denying the fact that some warehouses had no workable system of keeping records of our receipts, shipments, and balance of stock, and that other warehouses with good enough systems were not using them. One warehouse, operated by a very large and established



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ticular territories.

company, asked for permission to throw all its old stock into one new We were astonished at the request, because their physical inventory agreed quite well with our figures, but on visiting this warehouse we learned that their books did not agree with their inventory at all; in other words, their difficulty was entirely with their own books. We felt it necessary to require warehouses to keep daily record of stock on hand, not only for accounting purposes, but also in order that if they received 'phone inquiries they could tell immediately whether they had stock of a certain kind on hand.

CONDITION OF STOCK.—We had no check on the warehouse's report of condition of our stock. It is very easy for a foreman to forget to make notations of bad appearance or damage. Representatives of our own company have a strong personal interest in not allowing customers to receive goods in poor condition, and by having these men present at inventories we are much more likely to receive full report of exceptions.

FIGURING CHARGES. — Many warehouses still figure their storage charges by the month from the exact day of receipt of shipment. Their bills, with perhaps twenty-five items, falling due at various days of the month, could not be checked at a reasonable expense. We determined that storage charges must be figured from the first of the month, regardless of when the goods were received and that the warehouses must make these charges agree with their inventory. Only one warehouse has insisted on continuing to figure charges by the month from the actual date of receipt and most of the others seemed glad to get away from the heavy clerical labor of the old method. On shipments received during the month, storage is charged at a fraction of the month's storage up to the first of the following month.

A NTAGONISM.—There was a general feeling of antagonism between warehouses and our home office. Of course with some houses we had always been on the best of terms, but this could not be said of more than one-third of them. Regardless of whose was the fault there was just one way to work up any real co-operation and that was by personal contact.

Every warehouse is now visited by our representatives at least every three months and most of them every few days. Our distribution manager visits each warehouse at least every six months. The improvement in cordiality has been remarkable and there is no question but what our company learns things from the warehouses as well as giving the warehouses a better understanding of what we need.

New Report Form

I N order to remedy the above named defects it was necessary to have a new form of warehouse reports. It was with great reluctance that we reached this conclusion, for we well realized that nobody has any right to ask a warehouse to do

Instructions to Warehouses Regarding NEW MONTHLY REPORTS

Use a separate sheet for each size package in each grade of Oil or Paint.

RECEIPTS

Sipe's Order Number

If the material received is from our factory, take this order number from the blue invoice mailed to you. If the material is returned by a customer, show in this column the customer's name.

Damage Notations

Note must be carried in this column on all packages received or inventoried as not in first class condition. The amount of leakage is best shown by weighing packages.

Warehouse Charges

For convenience these columns are right next to the number of packages received. Show your rate per package at the top of page and show the amount in line with each shipment received. If you charge separately for labor, use other column for this.

Warehouse Receipt Number

If you prefer, show your lot number here.

DELIVERIES

Sipe's Order Number

Show this number whether our yellow order is received before or after shipment has been made.

Bill of Lading Number

If delivered locally, show your delivery slip number. We would like to have a separate number of some sort for each delivery in order to avoid confusion on customers to whom you make a good many deliveries.

Delivery Charges

Show in this column your charges for weighing, marking packages, making bills of lading, etc., if assessed on a flat package basis. This column cannot be used if you charge a minimum per shipment. Do not show trucking charges. Render a separate bill for trucking charges.

DAILY BALANCE

This column is placed for convenience right between the number of packages received and the number of packages delivered. Subtract the number delivered from the number received and show balance on same *line* in this daily balance column.

Enclosed is sample sheet with all sorts of entries shown for your guidance. At the end of the month send us the original and keep the duplicate sheets.

JAMES B. SIPE & COMPANY

The Sipe system of instructing warehousemen who handle the company's drying oils and paint specialties

any unnecessary clerical work; but we know as a result of actual experience that we need every bit of the information called for on the monthly report, of which a sample is shown on page 12.

HOW MANY SHEETS?—It is impractical to carry a record of all our stock on one sheet. A complete record might be on two sheets, one for shipments and another for receipts, but such sheets would have so many columns and spaces on them that it would require a very accurate clerk to get every figure in the right place, and in fact such a system, though apparently simple, is really very complex. We therefore provide a separate sheet in duplicate for each size package of each grade of stock, an we furnish each warehouse with a substantial binder to hold the sheets for the current menth.

WHAT LENGTH OF TIME?—A daily report has the great advantage of prompt information for the home office, but if this report carries a record of balances of stock, these

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balances (about fifty) must be copied to new sheets each day, increasing the clerical work and offering great opportunity for errors in copying. Furthermore, our home office cannot take the time to check its records every day against the warehouses' reports. The return of a copy of our order with bill of lading attached automatically makes our records about 95 per cent. correct and rather than check up every day we much prefer to make a careful check once a month.

INFORMATION REQUIRED.—Asking the warehouse to show our order number, their delivery number and the customer's name and address seems like a duplication, but this is necessary because of the deliveries made by warehouses on telephone orders and the danger of confusion between different deliveries to a customer who orders frequently.

FIGURING CHARGES.—These sheets offer to most warehouses an opportunity to figure all their charges direct from the monthly record of receipts and shipments. Their monthly statement can be made up by simply putting down the totals fom the bottom of each page of this report. We have made a very earnest effort to simplify work for the warehouses as well as for ourselves.

CHECKING WITH INVENTORY.—When a warehouse takes a physical inventory the number of each kind of package should naturally agree with the balance shown on the monthly

report. If it does not, the warehouse should attempt to find out what is wrong, and if it cannot locate the difficulty it is convicted by its own figures of having made mistakes.

If these monthly reports and the quarterly inventory are fully made out there should be very little necessity of correspondence, afterwards but in case such a necessity should arise we have the enormous advantage of a monthly record in the hands of the warehouse which is an exact duplicate of the one in our own office, and we can simply refer the warehouse to the chapter and verse where the error occurred.

Results

DOES IT WORK?—One of the places where we first put this system to work was at a warehouse which had been making so many mistakes that we felt obliged to charge them for lost material. We would have undoubtedly changed warehouses in this city if we had known of any other suitable place.

Starting with these people's inventory of October 1st, we commenced using the new form. When our salesman had taken the next inventory, December 31st, he said that the inventory agreed with the balance on the monthly report. We smiled politely, but "we were from Missouri;" how could that warehouse do anything right? But when we had checked the inventory against our records as already modified by the monthly reports from the warehouse we found there was not a single discrepancy.

Baltimore Development

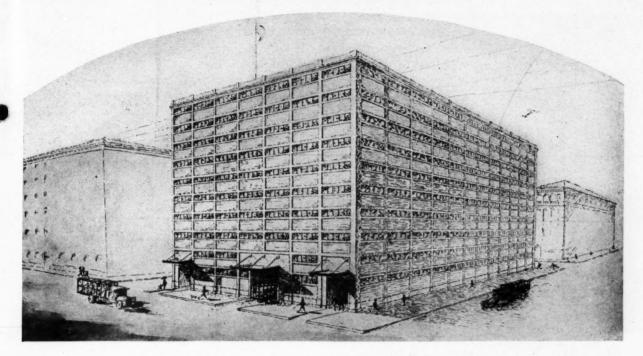
BALTIMORE, March 10.—Six warehouses, each 480 x 100 ft., of concrete or steel, are to be erected by the Canton Company on its waterfront piers here.

Three of the building houses will have five stories, and the others will be of three stories each. The purposes of this development will be to reduce freight handling costs and to cut down to a minimum the time required for loading and unloading ships.

Canadian Cold Storage

OTTAWA, March 11—According to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the stocks of beef in cold storage in Canada on Jan. 1, 1920, consisted of 45,025,859 pounds of fresh frozen, 4,581,370 pounds of fresh unfrozen, 47,294 pounds of cured, and 272,023 pounds in process of cure. This represents for fresh frozen an increase of 14.31 per cent since last month, but a decrease of 12.19 per cent compared with Jan. 1, 1919; for

fresh unfrozen, a decrease of 41.37 per cent from last month and 8.4 per cent from last year; for cured beef, an increase of 151.04 per cent over last month, but a decrease of 1.02 per cent from last year; for beef stocks in process of cure, a decrease of 27.62 per cent since last month and 69.80 per cent from last year. The total stock of beef exceeded that of the previous month by 5.30 per cent, but was 12.08 per cent less than on Jan. 1, 1919.



Linking Warehouse and Railroad by MOTORIZATION

RAILROADS entering Cincinnati have done something amazing which is unprecedented in transportation history.

They have linked up their terminals through a cooperative system of employing a special make of motor truck with a demountable body manufactured exclusively for this service.

The wasteful method of shunting freight cars of interline shipments from station to station has been

abolished. This has conserved time. It has effected economy. It has reduced handling costs.

This co-operative system, known as motorization, is adaptable to commercial warehousing. It will be adopted by commercial warehouses, in the opinion of engineering authorities who have studied the Cincinnati system, when storage executives of vision and energy arrive at that stage, in the logical growth of their industry, where united action will:

1. Form warehouse organizations in the big cities—not merely associations of a civic character as exist to-day, but business units for commercial purposes.

2. Establish co-operative relationship among these organizations, so that through co-ordination the cost of merchandising commodities from one section of the country to another may be decreased.

Two years ago in Cincinnati it cost the railroads between \$1.12 and \$1.13 a ton to move merchan-

dise by switching trap cars on the rails connecting the terminal stations. With increasing labor and other charges, this tariff mounted gradually to between \$1.71 and \$1.72 a

Through motorization—the transferral of goods on motor trucks instead of in freight cars—the cost is between \$1.36 and \$1.37 a ton.

In a year's time these roads so handled at Cincinnati about 350,000 tons of freight. The saving effected through motorization is 35 cents a ton—or \$122,500 annually.

A story like this one may some day—will it be 1925, or 1930?—be written in the past tense, as the narration of an accomplishment that has been achieved. To-day it is a story which some will say is visionary but which well-informed railroad officials will testify is not visionary at all but is rather a forecast of something to be—a look into the practical future when railroad executives, motor truck owners and warehousemen will pool resources and co-ordinate available facilities through the system of motorization which already has had its inception at Cincinnati.

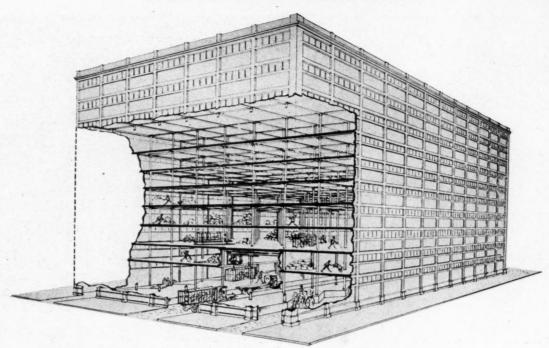
MOTORIZATION

will mean decreased distribution costs for the manufacturer, because:

1. Switching or trap car service in congested centers will be eliminated.

2. Rehandling of commodities will be reduced to

3. Warehouses utilizing motorization will be able to operate profitably while charging lower handling tariffs than to-day.



Is this to be the warehouse of the future?—Street level for traffic ways and freight platforms—succeeding stories for storage of products which have been moved by elevators and traveling cranes—possibly the upper floors rented to business firms as office space—This is the visualization of an off-track or inland transfer station and warehouse as designed by the Motor Terminals Company

Before discussing the warehouse phase of the motorization system, a knowledge of the truck situation is essential. At Cincinnati, fifteen White trucks, with others in reserve, are in daily use. These are 5-ton vehicles, each with special wheelbase of 205 inches. An average load of four and thirty-seven hundredths tons is transported. The specially-manufactured body is one-half the size of the average freight car. Two of these bodies may be placed on a railroad flat car.

The Years Ahead

The system of operating these trucks and bodies may be visualized by studying the accompanying photographs and drawings.

The drawings show what the Motor Terminals Company, which has motorized Cincinnati's railroad terminals, considers a model warehouse.

Look into the future. Suppose ten of the big merchandise, cold storage and household goods warehouses in a given city pooled capital sufficient to finance the construction of a building of this type. The cost would not be greater than it is to-day to put up a modern warehouse equipped with material handling machinery. The advantage of the motorization system is that such a storage plant does not have to be located on a railroad. It does not have to have spur track connections. The saving effected through cartage by motor truck, together with the economic elimination of constant rehandlings because of the demountable body feature of the truck, make it wholly unnecessary for such a warehouse to be situated at rail siding.

To-day the ten warehouses in a given city each

may be located on a spur track. Each is paying high costs for switching cars to its plant, or demurrage charges may be piling up while the cars containing freight consigned to it are waiting at a terminal to be unloaded.

Through the joint warehouse motorization system freight could be removed from cars upon their arrival and placed in temporary storage in the warehouse; and, at the option of the consignee, would then be transported—still through the process of motorization—to his own storage plant or to the point of destination.

Where Land Values Are Low

By constructing the joint warehouse, not adjacent to railroad but at some interior point, the benefit of cheap realty price is obtained. Moreover, the entire building does not have to be given over to motor traffic space and storage space; the structure can be so high that the upper stories can be rented to private business interests, and this income would further reduce costs.

The logical development of the system would be that the warehouseman, having been made the beneficiary of reduced costs, would find himself in a position to quote lower handling and storage tariffs to the manufacturer or to the owner of household goods.

The effect would be decreased distribution costs for the manufacturer. Decreased costs of distribution for the manufacturer would have natural effect toward lowering prices to the consumers.

The fact, already set forth, that two of the demountable bodies fit snugly on a railroad flat car, is an economic feature not to be overlooked in the distribu-

tion of merchandise or household goods by rail from city to city. At a warehouse in Boston, as an illustration, two of these bodies may be loaded with commodities; the bodies placed on a motor truck, taken to a rail terminal and placed on a flat car; that flat car sent to San Francisco; and the bodies there removed by truck from terminal to warehouse, or direct from terminal to destination. Similarly, the movement of household goods between cities is expedited, with the number of rehandlings reduced.

The motorization system created at Cincinnati, and which is being studied by railroad officials in all parts of the country, was described at length by B. F. Fitch, president of the Motor Terminals Company, at the recent convention of the Material Handling Machinery Manufacturers' Association, in New York. In conjunction with officials of railroads entering Cincinnati, Mr. Fitch has for several years

been investigating rail terminal costs. In his address at the New York meeting he discussed statistics which must be of interest to all traffic managers and warehousemen. After pointing out that the scientific operation of motor trucks has been ignored by the railroads, he said:

"The ingredients to be considered in transportation cost estimates are tons, miles and minutes, and generally speaking, the greater number of tons and miles, crowded into the smallest number of minutes, the lower the transportation cost.

"Every unit of transportation from wheel-barrows to



This body, with half the capacity load of the standard freight car, is lifted from the motor truck by overhead machinery—Two of these bodies fit on a railroad flat car

gondolas is valuable when allotted exclusively to the service it is best fitted to discharge. A team can successfully haul 75 ton miles and a motor truck 500 ton miles in a ten-hour working day. Compare this with railroad performance in which the average box car movement is but 25 miles per day. If loaded with merchandise to but a ten-ton average, it discharges but 225 ton miles in a 24-hour day. It is, therefore, obvious that box cars suffer a handicap.

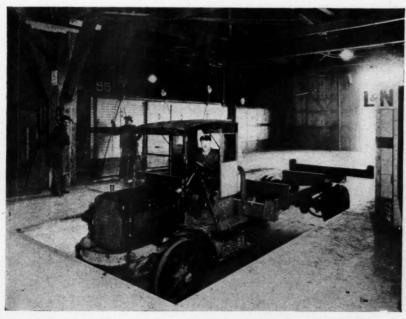
"Freight house operating practice demands that box cars lie idle ten hours a day. If utilized exclusively for transportation and kept continuously moving the remaining fourteen hours, even at an average speed of but

twenty miles per hour with ten-ton loads, the potential possibility of each freight car is 2800 ton miles daily.

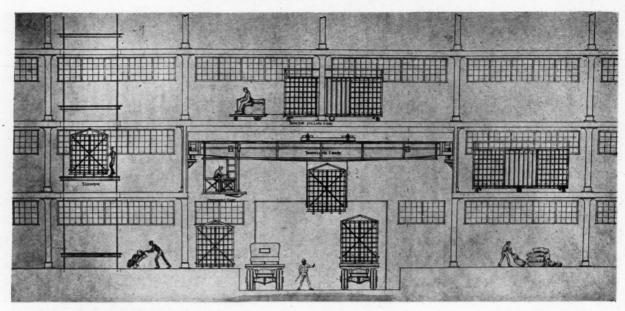
"There is practically no limit to what the rails will carry, if cars, when consolidated in trains, are at once started and kept continuously moving; therefore, it is logical to charge inadequate terminal facilities with the major portion of the box car's tonnage deficiencies. Inadequate terminals alone are not responsible for this nor can either the railroads or the public be censured for illegitimately using box cars in lieu of other facilities for short term storage. These are influences detrimental to box car efficiency, but, without terminals, necessary evils.

"The prime trouble is that, as an operating necessity, in absence of other facilities, box cars have been assigned to a service for which they were never originally intended.

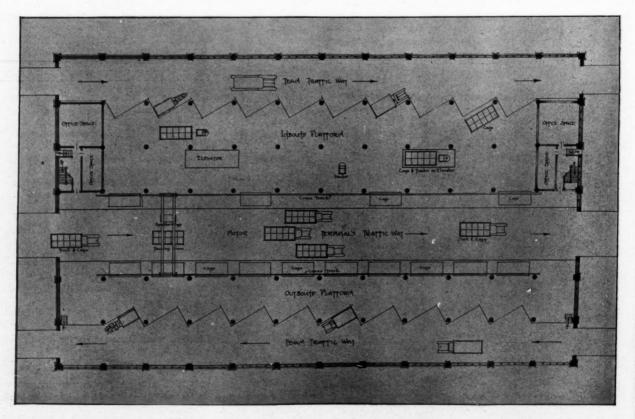
"Our national transportation practice and trade influences of the traffic do not permit of any radical terminal changes. Any revolutionary attempts along this line might embarrass our



Specially-built White chassis with 205-inch wheel-base—in background may be seen one of the freight-carrying bodies



Here are shown (at top) how the demountable bodies are transported with cranes and elevators through the proposed inland warehouse, and (below) the street-level plan with traffic ways adjoining crane-tracks for the specially-made motor trucks and other thoroughfares for teams, with space-saving methods of using the inbound and outbound platforms



production resources as greatly as a change in the monetary basis. Therefore, evolutionary improvements only can be considered.

"Refinements of present rail practice and additional facilities will occur, but rail transportation cannot be greatly improved because locomotives are now practically up to the safety limits of rails and bridges and

without increasing weight of locomotives, draw bar efficiency cannot be increased, and without an increase in draw bar efficiency transportation costs cannot be lowered. Thus, obviously the field for improvement is terminals.

"To demonstrate the fact that railroad transportation has outgrown railroad terminals, it is interesting to note that from outer classification yards to pier station delivery at New York the cost to carrier is not less than \$3.50 per ton and similarly, at Philadelphia not less than \$2.50 per ton, or a joint terminal cost of \$6 per ton. Whereas, the main line haul between these two terminals, if estimated at a maximum cost of 6 mills per ton mile, suggests a transportation cost of 60 cents versus terminal costs of \$6. Chicago is no better off than Philadelphia and the haul is about ten times as long; hence, joint terminal cost is as great as the transportation or rail haul cost from Chicago to New York.

Many Solutions Suggested

"After five years of terminal studies, inspecting innumerable stations built over fifty years ago, which are still the intakes and outlets of our great transportation systems, using the recognized best equipment in the world, no wonder the subject of terminals is a topic of nation-wide discussion and, naturally, all with creative brains are offering solutions.

"With unlimited financial resources the engineering talent of this country can quickly solve the problem. Ideal joint terminals at a cost of \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000 are possible in all our principal centers; but, present chaotic conditions considered, who will assume the responsibility of such abnormal financing? Even if offered opportunity to avail themselves of such the railroads would have to scrape present huge investments and the scrapping of these investments at any industrial center will disrupt realty values to possibly financial ruin of innumerable manufacturing plants built in suburban localities on the theory that the inducement which warranted the building would afford perpetual service.

"For this reason each present terminal layout must be continued substantially as at present. Conservatism recommends no radical changes, but demands evolutionary changes to better conditions for both carriers and

"Every city in the country has its labyrinth of rails, team tracks, private sidings, obsolete main freight stations and sub-stations, between all of which box cars are shuffled or switched around, like cards in a solitaire deck, in the performance of a duty for which the cars were never designed.

Switching Adds to Costs

"The innumerable switch cut movements of such cars confiscate capacity of the rails and the cost of handling these cars over rails, to detriment of through traffic, is primarily responsible for excessive terminal expense.

"If all the large cities in the country could be idealistically furnished, scientifically designed and mechanically operated freight houses, there is no question of accruing economies both in terminal practice and transportation costs, because the railroads then would enjoy a one point make-up and a one point break of all freight cars. The result would be loading of cars to weight or displacement capacity for uninterrupted direct movement to other terminals. This consolidated loading would naturally decrease the number of cars now dispatched from a plurality of stations within any one city to the existing plurality of stations in all other cities.

"Despite this opportunity, even if attainable, the industrial trap car and the intro-terminal trap car will apparently always complicate terminal interchanges to detriment of switching refinements. Terminal operating economies will be in direct ratio with the decrease in the number of interchange switching combinations. So apparently new freight stations at huge investment are no guarantee of great reductions in terminal expense, be-

cause freight station labor cost is but a small item as compared with total terminal expense.

"Third Day Arrivals"

"Between all the widely distributed freight houses of the various railroads in each and every terminal box cars are used in transfer or connecting line service. When so used, they are in various sections termed 'traps,' 'transfer' or 'ferry' cars. For instance, in any city with seven non-competing railroads radiating to different sections, each line receives daily in its city cars some freight for each of the six connections. Numerically this means 42 cars in transit to and 42 cars in transit from, a total of 84 cars. But due to yard interchange delays these cars average a third day arrival instead of a second day arrival; hence, 252 cars are assigned daily to such service. Thus 75,600 car days are required annually.

"Industrial expansion at any city with seven initial lines, has, as a rule, outgrown station facilities, and railroads for economy's sake have strategically established sub-stations along their right-of-way as traffic influences for shipments from outlying districts. Since all the freight from these outlying districts has to be brought to main stations to be consolidated in cars for dispatch from such main stations to destination points, and since all of the freight for these sub-stations comes out of main station cars on arrival, trap cars are necessary in this main sub-station service of each line. The number of cars so used is a multiple of stations. If, as above stated, each of the seven lines has three stations, 42 cars are required, movement delays to which are as great as connecting line cars; therefore, the wasting of an additional 37,800 car days. This explains one of the reasons for car shortage and an operating abuse which has been obsoleted by the success of a motor treminals installation at Cincinnati.

Moving the Bodies

"Briefly, this installation consists of overhead rails, electric cranes, electric hoists, motor trucks and a plurality of interchangeable motor truck bodies. The system of operation requires an empty body for each station movement demand of railroad on its inbound main station platform. At the larger stations there are several locations for such body settings, thereby decreasing the trucking distance for freight. As the freight comes from the cars, it is trucked to the nearest location containing a body carded for any connection or any sub-station.

"When loaded, these bodies are sealed and under telephone order of a joint dispatcher, employed by the railroads, mechanically loaded onto trucks and thus routed over city's streets to connection.

"On arrival at outbound platform of the connecting line, the body is mechanically removed and an empty body, previously unloaded, is similary put onto motor truck chassis for delivery to inbound platform of that house, where the operation is repeated and another loaded body forwarded in the same manner to some other freight house.

"If the load happens to be to a sub-station, it remains on platform until dispatcher is advised by agent at sub-station that return load is available. Then the loaded body of inbound freight to that sub-station is forwarded and the motor truck exchanges same for the previously reported load of outbound freight to be delivered at main station, where it is consolidated with other city freight in line cars made up daily to innumerable other destination points.

"From the above it is evident that all freight, except possibly the portion arriving during the last hour of station operating day, whether between main and substations or between main stations of the various railroads, is currently loaded and out of the terminal. Previously this freight by trap cars suffered an average three days' delay and the shuttle movement of these individual cars over terminal rails interferred with the group movement of complete cuts of station cars. Hence, the congestion which previously made Cincinnati notorious as a check-valve in rail routings.

The Search for Proof

"In May, 1917, the Big Four Railroad permitted a test installation between its five main and substations. The innovation was an early success, but the other roads were skeptical of its enduring efficiency. In the early months of 1918 a special committee was appointed to analyze the entire terminal and, based upon Big Four accomplishments, recommend what economies and benefits could be anticipated from completely motorizing Cincinnati's terminal.

"The summary of this comparative report prophesied the following, and as a result contracts were negotiated:

"Annual economy-\$61,652.96.

"Advance movement of freight, 52.4 hours.

"Increase inbound platform floor area 14.8 per cent.
"Increase outbound platform floor area in ratio with station operation.

"Increase main station trackage 21.4 per cent. "Increase in main station realty 122,660 sq. ft.

"Release 66,862.5 cars for line service, per annum.

"Extension of present labor, 30.4 per cent.

"Eliminating the rehandling of 86,976 tons of freight, lessens railroads' liability of loss and damage.

"In 1919 equipment orders were entered and railroads commenced station changes and superstructure construction. The terminal is not fully equipped, for both the railroads and the Cincinnati Motor Terminals Company which is operating this equipment on contract basis for the railroads, have suffered exasperating delays. However, in recent analysis of accomplishments it is proven that, due to increased operating costs of railroads the prophesied 17.1 cents per ton economy is in practice actually a saving of 35.2 cents per ton and, therefore, the annual economies will be \$126,507.75 instead of \$61,652.46.

Better Service—Lower Rates

"This service has proven that all widely distributed station facilities can be laced up as a unit without investment cost to the railroads, thereby giving to each and every terminal the benefits of a union freight station. The rates paid for the service are less than what interest charges alone would be on the cost of constructing a consolidated terminal. The operating program of railroads and the established perquisites of shippers are in no-wise disturbed, but the railroads at large through the influence of this current versus their past interrupted movements enjoy an increase of terminal rail, station rail, and station platform facilities. This increase can be perpetually extended at minimum investment, in ratio with increasing tonnage demands, which naturally will accrue at any industrial city enjoying better shipping facilities.

"Extensions are now possible in the form of rail substations or off-track warehouse sub-stations by this sytem, and can be gradually provided when tonnage demands warrant. There is no necessity to finance elaborate facilities to take care of accruing demands which may not develop for fifty years.

"What has been done at Cincinnati can be adapted to the varying demands of all principal terminal cities. In some the connecting line trap car predominates as the greatest detriment to successful terminal operation. In others the sub-station trap car.

New York's Conservatism

"The flexible possibilities of trucks are now clearly defined for industries whose transportation facilities are dependent upon rail extensions. Opportunities at each point are limited only to intelligent installations following detail analysis to establish the greatest terminal deficiencies of carrier to meet shipping demands of the public.

"Accomplishments at Cincinnati warrant idealistic theories of the system as applied the greatest terminal problem in the world. New York is that problem, for as the established principal port of this country, our industrial expansion is restricted by New York's lack of port facilities, unless, as will ultimately happen, the nation at large refuses to longer suffer by reason of New York's conservatism and creates other trans-shipment ports.

"At present the railroads monopolize approximately 30 per cent of Manhattan's piers for freight stations. To expand the port these piers are indispensible for coastwise and overseas steamers. Where not individually owned, the rental value of piers is out of all proportion with freight tariff returns.

Could Release Pier Space

"A few blocks inland, realty enjoys but a fraction of bulkhead rental values. If inland joint stations in say 12 zones were constructed on this otherwise comparatively non-productive realty, the railroad piers could be released for shipping and station facilities be attained by the railroads at practically no cost, because of increased rentals possible from warehouses and industrial floors above joint freight terminals.

"If all roads contributing this terminal had transfer stations at their rail bulkheads or a few blocks back from the Jersey, Staten Island and Bronx valuable waterfront, carload and less carload package freight could be immediately transferred from cars to motor truck bodies, which would be designated for each of these inland stations, and the freight cars thereby released for immediate reloading of outbound freight. The number of bodies assigned each zone station would be sufficient to meet the tonnage demands.

"These bodies when loaded on trucks, would be routed over streets to nearest available Staten Island or Jersey slip for ferrying to Manhattan slip nearest inland station destination and vice versa on return movements. Until they were proven inadequate, public ferries could be used. Later, if necessary, possibly special ferried and special slips at a few of the innumerable pier points now occupied by railroads could be provided.

"If we add to the generally admitted \$3.50 terminal cost to carriers the established minimum cartage cost of \$2.50 per ton to shippers, the joint terminal cost at New York is \$6. Under normal conditions approximately 30,000 tons daily moves from Staten Island and Jersey to Manhattan and 20,000 tons daily from Manhattan to Staten Island and Jersey on outbound movement, a total of 50,000 tons daily, which at the above cited \$6 joint cost is an item of \$300,000 per day.

"For the railroads alone at Cincinnati the interchange is furnished by the Cincinnati Motor Terminals Company between stations within a ten-mile zone at rates averaging less than \$1 per ton. The minimum is 80 cents and the maximum \$1.25. If trucks moved by short ferry

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Eliminating

WAREHOUSE FIRE HAZARDS

Storage Losses Are Increasing

Read About Our Fire Service Department on Page 32

(Editorial Note.—This is the third of a series of articles relating to the efforts by the National Board of Fire Underwriters to remove all warehouses from the class of hazardous risks. The fourth will appear in the May issue.)

HE importance of the campaign begun by the National Board of Fire Underwriters to have fire hazards removed from all types of warehouses is emphasized by the figures of recent years

in relation to losses from fire in storage plants.

These statistics tell a story that will surprise the industry. The story is that fire losses in warehouses are increasing.

The figures for 1919 have not yet been compiled, but there is no reason to believe that they will show a situation less startling than the statistics for 1918 disclose - and that is that the insurance companies in the United States in that year paid warehouse fire loss claims to the number of 3000, as compared with 2760 in 1917 and 2694 in 1916.

In amounts paid on these claims, the total in 1918 was \$11,495,-308, as against \$9,033,171 in 1917 and \$6,596,652 in 1916.

The jump in the amount paid in 1918 was \$2,462,-137 over 1917. The relative increase in 1917 as compared with 1916 was \$2,436.519.

In considering fire losses, it should be kept in mind that the \$11,495,308 represents alone the amount paid on claims. This total is estimated to be only from 50 to 80 per cent of the total 1918 fire losses suffered by the industry.

The situation is, then, that in 1918 American warehousing lost from \$17,000,000 to \$21,000,000 worth of property through fire. In 1918, 1917 and 1916 the total losses estimated were approximately between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

This explains why insurance companies are quoting the rates they are to-day—rates against which the industry protests.

Protests will be futile unless the industry works in conjunction with the National Board of Fire Underwriters and its Conservation and Fire Preven-

tion Associations being organized in the forty-eight States in the national movement to check the growth of fire losses by bringing the hazards down to the lowest possible minimum.

Reproduced on page 32 is a letter from T. Alfred Fleming, Supervisor of the Conservation Department of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, suggesting that Distribution & Warehousing call to the attention of the industry that the Board is prepared to send speakers to meetings of warehousing organizations so that the subject of eliminating fire hazards "may be properly presented" at those meetings.

During 1921 such meetings are to be

held in Minneapolis, Columbus, Waco, Tex., Chicago, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Seattle and other cities by various local, State and sections organizations, and the American Warehousemen's Association and the American Chain of Warehouses will meet in December at a city yet to be selected.

Here lies an opportunity for the men identified with these bodies to do something constructive for the industry. Co-operation—and action—will mean lower insurance rates on warehouses.

WHY YOU SHOULD READ THESE ARTICLES

They will tell you what you want to know—and what you ought to know—about your warehouse in relation to fire menace.

They will discuss:

Reduction of insurance rates—
Sprinkler systems—
Fire doors—
Types of warehouse construction—
Liability for losses—

Self-inspection of warehouses— Patent appliances of all types—

Army methods of protecting storage plants—

They will keep you in contact with the construction developments in a national campaign designed to minimize fire risks in buildings where so much of the people's foodstuffs and other necessities of life are stored—warehouses.

AND FINALLY

They will point the way out of the Jungle of Excessive Insurance in which most of the warehousing industry has been wandering confusedly for many years. To this end

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS HAS PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT THROUGH

Distribution & Warehousing.

Official Statistics on Warehouse Fire **Losses During Three Years**

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1917	89	105,166	197	760,816	1813	6,232,325	131	257,699	339	329,752	63	470,359	4	22,198	124	854,85
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Class 260 includes merchandise warehouses through which manufacturers' products are distributed. In 1918 the losses almost trebled as compared with 1916. The jump in Class 278 (whisky warehouses) in 1918 over 1917 is attributed to increased valuation of liquors due to the approach of national prohibition. The 1917 increase in losses on tobacco stored (Class 276) is thought to have been due to the fact that The 1917 increase in tosses on tooacco stored (Class 276) is thought to have been due to the fact that larger stocks were maintained by the Government for Army purposes during the war, these stocks being depleted in 1912 as the tobacco was shipped overseas. The high 1917 figure in Class 280 (wool warehouses) is attributed to the many alien plots to destroy these buildings. The 1918 figure in Class 266 is presumably because of the increased valuation of fibres, and the same may be said of Class 256 (cotton), with the 1917 decrease from the 1916 figure attributed to the lowering of stocks in warehouses because of Army demands. Cold storage warehouse losses have remained about steady. Losses on household goods warehouses have steadily diminished.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters has pledged its services to disseminate information, through Distribution & Warehousing, to the industry on any problem whatsoever relating to the elimination of fire hazards. Questions of every kind-general or specific-which warehousemen may desire to ask Distribution & Warehousing on this subject will be answered in detail with the co-operation of the Board. Charles H. Moores, in his article "The Merchandise Warehouse," in this issue, alludes to patent appliances. Distribution & Warehousing is prepared to reply to all queries regarding these-to tell which appliances on the market have the approval of the Board after being examined at the Underwriter Laboratories in Chicago, and to give the names and addresses of the manufacturers, and to explain in detail the purposes and uses of the appliances.

THIS WILL CONSTITUTE OUR FIRE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The department is for your benefit. By taking advantage of it you can reduce the fire menace that hangs over your warehouse. Minimizing the fire menace will lead to lower insurance rates,

What is your problem?

A story telling how the East Waterway Dock and Warehouse Company of Seattle protects its great plants from the menace of fire will appear in an early issue. C. A. Moran, a fire Marshal, who is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, is the author.

This Letter Is Addressed to US But—It Is Meant for YOU



Removing fire hazards from your warehouse means a low insurance rate. A low rate will attract increased patronage. Let the men who know tell you about it. A letter to Distribution & Warehousing will bring you one of the "best speakers" mentioned by Mr. Fleming.

Seems Foolish to Keep Arguing When With a Little Co-operation They Could Remove the Obstructions



Drawn by Leo Joseph Roch

The "stumbling blocks" herewith pictured by Mr. Roche are discussed in the series of letters begun on Page 34.

Inaction amounts to obstructionism. Don't be an obstructionist. Roll up your sleeves and help remove the blocks. Every industrial traffic manager who handles warehouse accounts can help by joining the proposed national association (see Page 7). And every warehouseman can help by writing letters to the shippers with whom he does business, urging them to become identified with the new organization.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

A Series of Letters

No. 1

(No. 2 will appear in the May issue)

We Print These Letters Because

1 They will give the storage executives and the shippers' distribution representatives a remarkable insight into the problems which

are common to manufacturers and ware-

2 The controversies written of are the ones which to-day are disturbing to harmonious business relations between warehousemen and

of co-operation between the warehouse owner

plans being made to organize a national association of industrial traffic managers whose

commodities are distributed through ware-

They emphasize the importance of a broader and more definitely-defined spirit

It was the writing of these frank criticisms which is directly responsible for the

housemen.

houses.

distribution managers.

and the warehouse user.

By a Warehouseman

RITICISM is always welcome.

The demands of the distributor for daily, weekly and monthly reports should be a thing of the past, as certainly the warehouseman has stood his apprenticeship in this

way to almost the limit of his endurance.

A simple way our customers, in the main, are doing is to send their orders in duplicate, keeping the triplicate copy in their order book. The duplicate is mailed back to them with

the bill of lading. On receipt of same they can check up with the triplicate copy, thus showing that shipment has been delivered. This is for out-of-town shipments.

For shipments for local consumption, where the jobber is to call at the warehouse, the original order is sent to the jobber in the city and the duplicate to the warehouse, so at the end of the month we can immediately advise what orders, if any, have not been delivered. Thus, making the stock balance to the satisfaction of all parties concerned in a very simple manner and without the aid of a daily report made out in long hand on forms furnished by the distributor.

We have convinced our customers, many of whom are national distributors, that this is the best system. Some of the new distributors have expressed their gratitude for

assistance in eliminating their mistakes and giving them absolute check on what orders have not been drawn.

The Other Man's Bookkeeping

The warehouseman is long suffering in this respect, in many instances having to do all the bookkeeping for the distributors, which is unfair and unjust. We believe, however, that distributors are very fair in this matter, and they all welcomed the above system and voluntarily suggested that daily and weekly reports be dispensed with and only monthly reports be made out, which should be satisfactory to any warehouseman doing business daily. If these reports are made out they should be charged for, which I don't believe has been done in the past by the warehousemen.

We treat all people equally, realizing that our satisfied customers are our best assets. However, national distributors have put it over on the unsuspecting warehouseman in years past to such an extent that they nearly had the warehouse industry bankrupt. I have seen cars of goods transferred for

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By a Traffic Manager

Very naturally all of us look at any matters in which we are interested through our own color glasses and we presume practices vary so greatly, both on the part of the warehouses and those who store goods in these warehouses, that perhaps no fair average can be reached. We find certain warehouses which apparently do their very best to co-operate with us, and on the other hand we find some which are most arbitrary and unreasonable. We believe on the whole that the cold storage

houses are more technical than the dry storage. We presume this is because of certain differences between the two kinds of storage.

Many shippers are not willing to furnish the warehouse people with forms for their reports; on the other hand, we find many warehouses which are unwilling to use the forms which we furnish.

The item of clerical help and postage is ordinarily not discussed in a transaction of this kind, as it is part of a certain understood overhead expense incident to any business.

The matter of rates to be charged for storage is entirely one of supply and demand and the warehouses will undoubtedly charge all that they think the traffic will bear. The writer is one of the traffic managers who is unwilling to concede that a further advance in storage is

necessary. We believe that we have reached, or passed, the peak of the load in nearly everything entering into general business relationship. Any curtailment of production such as must result and is resulting through the labor unrest throughout the country will instantly be reflected in a smaller volume of goods for which public storage is required.

of goods for which public storage is required.

During the period of the war it was very largely a matter of coaxing some warehousing concern to handle one's goods, rather than any solicitation on their part. We believe that construction costs will be no higher, and very probably will see a considerable decline in the near future. We consider that already storage rates and other service charges have reached a point where it would be much to the advantage of one employing such facilities to any great extent to place these distributing centers on a branch office basis and provide storage by lease or construction rather than attempting to buy it. At the present time we are using storage, both dry storage and cold storage, to a very considerable extent.

We believe that the very weakest item, generally speaking, (Concluded on page 35)

(EDITORIAL NOTE.—Publication of these letters is given anonymously for reasons which are obvious. The authors wrote candidly with the understanding that they would not be identified. DISTRIBUTION & WAREHOUSING will be glad to receive other communications of the same character. What is YOUR stumbling block?)

Stumbling Blocks

(Concluded from page 34)

By a Warehouseman

as low a price as \$2 for a 20,000 lb. car. Personally, we have transferred cars without profit. Have seen the point where pool cars were handled for \$5 or \$6 and which were to be transferred locally, people calling at the warehouse door for their goods, where car service accrued for \$1 or \$2 on account of some delinquent jobber not calling for his goods promptly. The distributor insisted upon the warehousemen paying for the car service, and many times they would, rather than hurt the feelings of the distributor.

Again, distributors have sent brilliant traffic representatives to visit the various warehouses with a suggestion something like this: "We pay so much to distribute our goods; take it or leave it. We want uniform rates in all the cities." Most usually the uniform rate would be the lowest rate they could obtain from some one point. They forget that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Many times these representatives, while educated from their standard, have never done the actual work of unloading a car, and the warehouseman is so busy in his little corner that he does not have time to see the world at large. The first thing he knows he is hitched up with a very unprofitable and unsatisfactory contract and in such a manner that he cannot withdraw from same. If he suggests an increase, the distributor would say in no uncertain terms just what he expected and demanded. At the end of the year the result would be that the warehouseman would consider himself lucky if he had enough to pay his legitimate expenses.

Unprofitable Storing

Only eighteen months ago, in the midst of the war, a representative called at our warehouse and tried to convince the writer that he was offering him a very profitable contract. He wished to contract to unload auto trucks at \$3 each, no labor charge and the privilege of a month's storage. He admitted that they would not want the truck nearest the door but would have to have certain trucks taken out. The trucks would come three in a car, one going over the other, and they would be of the 2 to 3-ton variety. My experience is such that I know the cost of unloading one truck would be \$3 alone and that they would take up a great deal of room. Under such a contract we would make no profit at all.

He advised me that he had two parties signed up under contract on the above terms. I found out later that both parties signed up were trying to break the contract as they were losing large sums of money and had lost a large amount under the contract but they were unable to break the contract.

Certainly all warehousemen have had like experience, but I believe that we all see things in a broader way now and that when distributors and traffic men know that the man who works with his hands is now king, things might work out much better

Co-operation is the spirit of the times, and if distributors and warehousemen would co-operate and allow fairness to rule, everything would work forward to a more prosperous era for all parties concerned.

LINKING THE WAREHOUSE WITH MOTORIZATION

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routes (at no operating cost in ferry transit other than ferry tariffs) no hauls from rail bulkhead transfer platforms to inland stations could exceed ten miles.

"It is impossible to prophesy what rates for this interchange can be established but they would certainly not be over \$2 per ton. Due to the short haul afforded shippers by these inland stations and the unlimited tail

By a Traffic Manager

of the service performed by these warehouses which we are using is in connection with their clerical service to us. We believe that the explanation of this may be found in a somewhat general feeling on the part of warehouse people that they are being called upon to perform a service that appeals to them to be not within their contract; therefore, they perform a grudging and unwilling service. It is possible that a charge should be made for every little item performed in the office of a warehouse; if so, why should a charge not be made by every other business institution for writing a letter, invoicing goods or any of the details connected with the clerical end of business?

We are reminded by this of the agitation at present on the part of the carriers that charges should be made for all special services performed. The entire freight rate fabric of the United States was predicated on the carrier placing an empty car and receiving a loaded one at one industry and delivering a loaded car at another industry at destination, the commodity rate covering all services performed.

Competition Means Cheerfulness

We believe the same thing was true, in years past, with the charge for storage. Under the old competitive conditions when a light volume of tonnage was moving and warehouses were soliciting our patronage daily those items were handled cheerfully and willingly with no mention of service charges.

Summing this all up, we repeat that we believe, generally speaking, the weakest part of the warehouses' service to us is in connection with the clerical end of their business. They may provide very splendid storage room and take the best of care of our goods and still not be able to give us any accurate report as to the amount of goods which they have on hand.

IF YOU ARE A TRAFFIC MANAGER

WHO HANDLES WAREHOUSE ACCOUNTS,

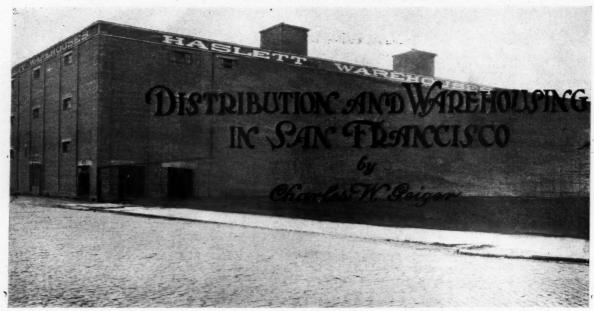
it is up to you to join that new national association.

gate space, which they would enjoy, at such, the cost to shippers could not average over \$1 per ton. Hence, it is logical to infer a joint net saving of \$3 per ton is possible for 50,000 tons daily, an annual item of \$45,000,000. This possible economy now wasted in present practice is reflected in the retail value of every commodity. No wonder the high cost of living on Manhattan! But one year's savings will more than cover the entire necessary outlay if the cost of inland stations is not considered.

"The inland station investment is a realty venture requiring no financing on the part of the railroads, because assured rental returns from upper stories will invite outside capital to furnish the station facilities in ever increasing numbers as fast as the railroads desire to contract for the use of such.

"In short, the motor truck, reinforced by the Motor Terminals Company's system, offers an opportunity to convert present transportation losses into profits for both carriers and shippers, and this opportunity does not suffer the handicap of engineering problems and long construction delays.

"It is an immediately available asset, adoption of which is not entirely dependent on concerted action by the railroads. Our initial installation at Cincinnati has demonstrated the possibility of capitalizing existing economic terminal losses to mutual benefit of all interests."



Looking toward the Haslett company's Humboldt warehouse. Note broad and well-paved street. Traffic congestion is minimized here

HE advantages of San Francisco as a merchandise export point through warehouses are now being realized by many eastern concerns. The writer recently made a very thorough inspection of the leading warehouses in San Francisco, for the definite purpose of ascertaining the advantages offered to eastern concerns, and was amazed at the great stocks carried in the various warehouses, ready to be shipped out on the trans-Pacific steamships at the direction of the owners. Fleets of motor trucks loaded with all

kinds of eastern goods can be seen at all times making their way from the warehouses to the various piers, for shipment on the vessels of the Pacific Mail, China Mail, Japanese lines, and other lines operating between San Francisco and all the countries on the Pacific.

The terminal point of four great transcontinental railroad systems (the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and North Western Pacific), San Francisco has behind it and directly tributary to it the two immense valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, which drain more than half the productive area of the extensive State of California. Likewise the coast lines north and south of San Francisco are intimately connected with the

harbor by important transportation systems steadily ramifying into much new territory.

With a shore line of 300 miles, its capacity for accommodating manufacturing establishments, warehouses and rail-and-water shipping connections are practically without limit. Then there is the very shape of California, which is like an enormous funnel pouring its entire contents down into this bay. Speaking in the world sense, this shape could perhaps be called that of the hour-glass, with all the lands around the Pacific ready to pour their trade into the Golden Gate, and all the riches of California and the States behind her pouring westward through this same Golden Gate.

These views are not the thoughts of one man or a small group. They are the earnest convictions of practically every business man in San Francisco.

From San Francisco to Yokahama direct is approximately 4800 miles sailing nearly due west. From San Francisco to Wellington, N. Z., via Tahiti, is a little over 6000 miles, sailing south and west. Within this segment of the earth's circumference and bordering on the west

and bordering on the west shores of the Pacific, is found a large percentage of the world's population. Japan roughly has 6,700,00; China, 400,000,000; Indo-China, 70,000,000; Java, 35,000,000; Philippines, 7,735,000; Australia, 4,264,000, and New Zealand, 1,008,000.

With the exception of Japan and possibly a part of Australia, these countries are mainly producers of raw materials. Their exports of manufactured products amount to very little compared with their production of raw materials. They offer, therefore, the greatest opportunities to manufactur-

ers because each is a potential consumer of vast quantities of finished goods.

A glance at the map of San Francisco will show that the arrangement of the docks, railroads, belt line, freight depots and warehouses is ideal for the efficient, quick and economical handling of shipments of all kinds. The piers extend for several miles along the San Francisco water front, and the Embarcadero, a marginal thoroughfare, 200 feet in width, extends the entire length of the water front, giving motor trucks and horse-drawn vehicles access to all docks.

Most of the warehouses are situated within a block or two of the water front, and practically all streets con-

MANUFACTURING DISTRIBUTERS ARE WATCHING SAN FRANCISCO

James Searle, vice-president of the Haslett Warehouse Company, recently spent six months visiting eastern manufacturing plants which distribute through warehouses. Mr. Searle says:

"I talked with the officers of not fewer than one hundred different big concerns, and all wanted to know something about San Francisco. They seemed to be chiefly interested in knowing if we could accommodate them if they suddenly thrust a tremendous business upon us. Most of the Easterners did not seem to realize that we have been preparing for big business for years. I explained how we have been building new piers and creating port facilities, including enough warehouses to handle any amount of business."

WAREHOUSES OPERATED BY THE HASLETT WAREHOUSE COMPANY

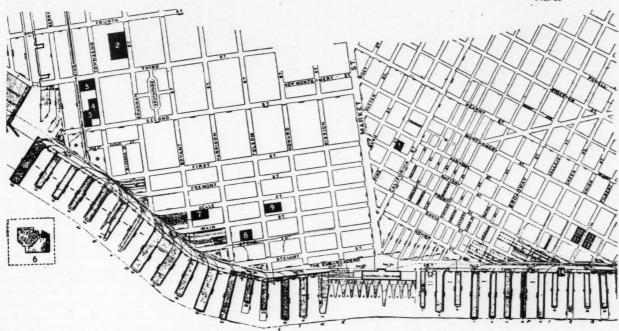
- Executive Offices
 228 Pine Street
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- 423 Brannan Street General Bonded
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- 7. Humboldt Beale and Bryant Streets 8. Santa Fe
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- 10. Gibraltar Gibraltar Bean Cleaner Sansome and Filbert Streets
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necting the warehouses with the Embarcadero are broad and well paved, as can be seen in accompanying photographs. Because of the nearness of the warehouses to the piers and the well-paved streets, it is possible for the motor trucks and the horse-drawn vehicles to make fre-

quent trips, carrying large loads. The Embarcadero is owned by the State Board of Commissioners. Harbor which keeps it paved, cleaned and lighted. The Embarcadero is practically level from one end to the other, and the breadth of 200 feet enables motor trucks and teams to travel three and four abreast in both directions.

San Francisco undoubtedly now has the most complete harbor belt line railroad switching system in the entire country. It is located on the Embarcadero, and the system is intended and used to connect up for the switch-

ing of freight cars, the various piers, the yards of other railroads, and warehouses and industries generally.

The belt line tracks are connected with the main line of the Southern Pacific at the foot of Townsend street, and the Western Pacific, Santa Fé and Northwestern Pacific Railroads by ferry slips at the foot of Taylor street. In order to facilitate handling of increased traffic on the

Belt Line, extensive changes are being made in connection with the interchange yard maintained by the Southern Pacific Company at the foot of Townsend street, at the southern end of the water

> front; these changes are enabling the Belt Line to

> handle an increased number

of cars more expeditiously

and at a reduced cost. There

were 164,000 cars handled

over the Belt Line tracks

during the past fiscal year.

Practically every warehouse

has spur tracks leading from

the Belt Line railroad, with

accommodations for spotting

from six to fourteen cars at

each warehouse, and, if

necessary, the engines of the Belt Line railroad will make

two or three switches a day. In order to give efficient

switching service, the Har-

IN SAN FRANCISCO Many business men recognize San Francisco as "the western front of American commerce."

NEXT FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION

They look upon the Golden Gate as the central geographically logical distributing point for the western United States for the trade and civilization that are ever moving westward.

The National Foreign Trade Council has selected San Francisco as the strategical place to discuss foreign trade problems and opportunities which relate to the Pacific, the Orient and the west coast of Latin America. This convention will be held from May 12 to 15, inclusive.

> bor Board operates seven switch engines on the Belt railroad, giving twenty-four-hour service.

> To render possible the storage of cars during the season of heavy traffic, yards have been built on various seawall lots along the water front; this greatly assists in

doing away with congestion of the main belt line, and in assuring rapid delivery of cars to shippers, and to the different railroad companies entering the city. There is a storage capacity at the present time for 1300 cars. In addition to the storage facilities provided by the Harbor Board, each of the railway companies maintain extensive storage yards and teaming tracks.

The various private railroad companies maintain freight depots in proximity to the warehouse district, thus providing short hauls from the warehouses to the freight

denots.

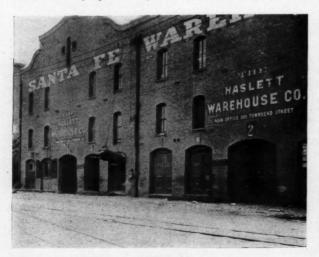
Traffic between the warehouses, freight depots and piers is never held up or slowed down at any time of the year by bad weather conditions. There is no snow or ice, and the streets are never flooded by high water.

Most of the warehouses in San Francisco are of brick, or steel and concrete construction. In the construction of the latest warehouses there has been embodied the most modern equipment, and all the latest time and labor-saving innovations and improvements; elevators, electric trucks, piling and tiering machines, scales and chutes are provided to load and unload directly from cars into drays and trucks or into the building as desired. Many of the warehouses maintain motor trucks for light or heavy hauling, city deliveries and general truck service.

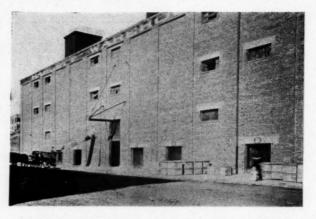
The largest number of warehouses in San Francisco operated by any individual concern is thirteen, owned by the Haslett Warehouse Company. The photographs show the type of warehouses operated by this company, although some of the thirteen storage plants are two and three stories higher than those herewith shown.

The accompanying map shows the ideal location of the various warehouses, most of them being along the water front close to the docks, and in the vicinity of the railroad freight depots. Warehouses Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 are within two blocks of the freight depot of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fé, and only about three blocks from the Western Pacific. No. 3 is two blocks from the water front, and Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are about one block from the Embarcadero.

The Gibraltar and Pioneer warehouses are devoted exclusively to beans, coffee, seeds and grain. These warehouses are located on the north side of the water front, about one block from the Embarcadero. Beans, grain, etc., are delivered principally by barges and river boats at the docks usually within a few blocks of the warehouses. Tractors and trailers are employed. Three trailers are usually operated by each tractor; while one is be-



Again is shown one of the exterior loading chutes designed to conserve on labor



Humboldt warehouses, showing overhead track, and also loading chute, which is connected with interior spiral chute. To the right—one of the fire hydrants which give the warehouse district unusual fire protection

ing unloaded at warehouse, a second is being loaded at dock, and the third is traveling. Each trailer usually carries 85-100 lb. bags of beans, and as many as thirty-one trips are made daily.

The beans are cleaned, and stored, and shipped at the direction of the owners. The large ranch owners often store their entire crop here, in order to take advantage of favorable prices. From 1,000 to 30,000 bags are stored by each ranch owner. At the direction of the owner, the beans are delivered to vessel, railroad or other points. Recently the Haslett Warehouse Company and the Associated Terminal Warehouse Company loaded a steamship with beans for the people of Europe. The shipment, among the largest single ones in the history of the world, consisted of approximately 135,000 bags, or 13,500,000 pounds, of large whites, small whites and pinks. The vessel's cargo consisted entirely of this commodity.

The bean cleaning and handling facilities at the Gibraltar and Pioneer warehouses have a capacity of approximately 200 bags an hour. Much of the equipment is of special design, having been worked out to meet the requirements of the California beans. The machinery is located on the top floors, so that the beans are handled between the various machines by gravity. On the third floor are the special machines for taking out pieces of the adobe soil which is mixed with the beans. These pieces are about the size of the bean, and, prior to the invention of the adobe-removing machine, required a large number of workers, who picked out the adobe as the adobe and beans were carried along on a belt. This machine consists of three sets of rolls, or cylinders, each cylinder being 8 ft. in length and 11/2 ft. in diameter. These cylinders are placed one above the other, the top cylinder moving at about 110 r.p.m., the one immediately below this at 80 and the lower one at about 60.

Special machines have been built for polishing beans, and these can be used also for cleaning and polishing unhulled peanuts. Other equipment installed in these two warehouses is utilized to clean, mix and blend coffee.

The Gibraltar and Pioneer warehouses have as part of their labor-saving machinery the Haslett spiral chutes, for delivering sacked products from any floor to car or truck, there being two chutes for delivering to cars, and two for delivering to trucks. A record of loading 990 bags of beans in 48 minutes was made some time ago. The beans were taken from the fourth floor, one man tearing down sacks at the pile, five men trucking and four men in the car. Each chute is equipped with a diverting switch at each floor by which bags or packages can be discharged



Type of streets which lead short distances to waterfront, railroad terminals and Embarcadero which parallels San Francisco's waterfront. Motor trucks find easier going here

from the chute at any floor. The chutes are built in such a manner that packages having a tendency to travel fast are carried up the slope of the concave toward the outer rim by centrifugal force. The slope of the outer rim is less steep than that of the inner rim, and, therefore, packages travel slower there than near the inner rim.

Packages with a tendency to travel slowly slide down the concave slope to where the pitch is steeper, as their slow motion does not create sufficient centrifugal force to counteract the concave slope. Thus practically uniform speed is assured in handling a great variety of sizes, weights and characters of packages, and the greatest mixture of merchandise is handled safely in one chute. At the first floor special chutes are arranged for delivering direct to the car, or on a portable platform which extends between the car track and the warehouse. The spur track connected with the Belt Railroad has accommodations for six cars. If the car is not directly in front of the loading chute, the bags can be delivered by hand truck over the portable platform.

The Pioneer warehouse was constructed about one year ago, to take care of the rapidly increasing business of the Gibraltar, and the two buildings are interconnected at all floors. The new building is a class "A" reinforced concrete construction, and six stories high. The steel reinforcing has been arranged so that another addition may be built at the east end, as conditions may warrant.

Bags of beans and coffee are piled twenty-five high at the Pioneer warehouse, this being accomplished by means of the Brown portable piling machines, operated by gasoline engine. Eight men and one weigher weighed and piled 250 bags an hour, twenty-five bags high, some time ago. This is considered a good record.

The Southern Pacific warehouse is used principally as a distributing point. General merchandise is received here in car lots, where it is stored and later forwarded. This warehouse is ideally situated, being within two blocks of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fé freight depots, and within about four blocks of the Western Pacific. It is about two blocks from the Pacific Mail docks. Large quantities of general merchandise are delivered to the

various docks for shipment to the Orient. This warehouse carries large stocks for eastern concerns. These stocks are distributed not only to the Orient, but throughout the Pacific Coast States, and locally in San Francisco. Drugs and groceries are carried in this warehouse in large quantities and are put aboard steamships for the Orient at the direction of the owners. Tea and coffee are also stored here in large quantities.

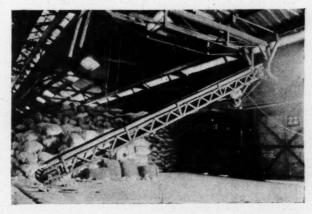
In this building there is equipment for hulling, mixing, and grading coffee, the capacity being sixty tons daily. This warehouse serves also as a storage and distributing point for canned pineapples. The pineapples are received at the docks of the Matson Navigation Company, about six blocks distant. Consignments of as many as 180,000 cases are received on a single vessel. As many as 350,000 cases of pineapples have been in storage at the Southern Pacific warehouse at one time. Pineapples do not remain in storage very long, however, as the demand for them is so great that the entire crop is often sold before they are canned. This warehouse claims a record for shipping pineapples—twelve carloads in one day. At the Southern Pacific warehouse there is a special building for storing acids, chemicals, etc., thus cutting down insurance rates.

At the Southern Pacific warehouse there is a basement and sub-basement where barreled goods are stored, such as paint, lubricating oil, grease, molasses, salmon, etc. One man is engaged at all times in making necessary repairs to barrels. Rubber, vanilla beans, and various products from the Orient are also stored here and distributed on orders from owners.

Pool car distributing and reforwarding also are carried on from this warehouse. Carloads of products are received here, segregated and reshipped at once to various points on the Pacific Coast.

The mechanical equipment and the fire protection system at the Townsend and Southern Pacific warehouses may be of interest. Both buildings are equipped with the automatic sprinkler system. Water is supplied by three pressure tanks on the roof, each tank having a capacity of 7,500 gal. under air pressure of 80 lbs. There is also a 25,000-gal. gravity tank that is interconnected with the pressure tanks in such a manner that when the water in the pressure tanks is exhausted the water in the gravity tank will automatically take effect. Water and air is supplied to the pressure tanks by means of a duplex pump, and a Gardner Rix air pump is located in a special house on the roof. These are operated by a fifteen horsepower electric motor.

A sensitive electric alarm is connected with the pressure tanks and when the air pressure falls below, or rises above, a certain pressure, or the level of the water falls



Specially electrically-operated conveyor at China Basin warehouse

below or rises to a certain height, an alarm is sent into the American District Telegraph Company, which turns in a fire alarm.

The Southern Pacific warehouse is equipped with a machine shop and carpenter shop. In the machine shop may be found drill press, lathe, shaper, emery stone, etc., operated by an electric motor. In the carpenter shop there are two planers, two saws, one power driven wood drill, etc. Repairs are made on all machinery, elevators, coffee and bean mills, trucks, trailers for trucks, etc.

The Southern Pacific building is equipped with four electric elevators, two being of 2-ton capacity and two of 2,500-lb. capacity. There are also Brown portable conveyors, and piling machines, throughout the buildings.

There is also a special garage for the motor trucks, and trailers, and electric trucks. There are five large

electric trucks which are capable of carrying six tons These are used in each. making long hauls between the docks and warehouses. A special board for charging the batteries of the electric trucks is installed in the Southern Pacific Warehouse. As the batteries of each truck are fully charged they are automatically shut off. It requires from eight to nine hours to charge each truck. This is taken care of by the night watchman. Gasoline for the motor trucks is stored in a subterranean tank of 172 gallons capacity, and the portable pump is kept in the engine room when not in use.

At the Overland warehouse there is a large unrestricted building for storing of hemp, kapok, oils, copra, and other inflammable merchandise. Storage is also supplied here for tractors and other machinery. Large quantities of tobacco are carried to the Overland, which is devoted principally to storage of general merchandise in large lots.

The Humboldt warehouse is used largely for storage of general merchandise. A

large section of this plant is devoted to customs bond. A novel feature is the overhead track which runs the entire length of the building, from the spur track to the front of the building and extends several feet over the driveway. By means of this, heavy machinery can be easily unloaded from the cars and delivered within the building; or by means of the extension over the driveway, machinery can be loaded from the car or from the warehouse to trucks.

The Haslett Company operate a warehouse at Mission Rock, which is located in the bay along the southern part of the water front. This is about a half mile from the mainland, and steamers can unload directly to the warehouse. Three ships can unload at one time. There are about four acres under cover. The principal commodity carried here is canned salmon. The salmon are brought to San Francisco on the various sailing vessels at the

close of the canning season, unloaded at Mission Rock, where they are stored, and later shipped out by steamer, or car. As many as 130,000 cases of salmon are brought here on one vessel. As many as 500,000 cases of salmon have been stored at Mission Rock at one time.

When salmon is to be shipped out on cars, the empty cars are brought alongside the warehouse on car floats. The cases are loaded onto the cars by gravity rollers, and trailers operated by small tractors. All cases above the fifth tier are delivered to the cars by gravity rollers, and the last five tiers are loaded onto trailers, and pulled alongside the cars by the tractors. The gravity rollers are given a 4 per cent grade. They are carried on special wooden horses which are adjustable for height. By this method, ten men can handle from 5,000 to 6,000 cases of salmon a day, either to or from the warehouse. Brown

conveyors are also used extensively at this warehouse.

The Haslett Company operate two barges and a motor launch in connection with the Mission warehouse.

The Associated Terminal Warehouse Company operates extensive warehouses at China Basin, which is at the extreme southerly part of the San Francisco water front. It also operates Piers 29 and 31; and the Sacramento Valley Dock & Warehouse at Sacramento.

Some time ago this company acquired the complete list of Sacramento Valley warehouses that had been operated by the Sacramento Northern Railroad. The line of warehouses, thirteen in n u m b e r, extending from Sacramento to Chico, will be operated in conjunction with the warehouses of the Associated Terminals in San Francisco at China Basin and Piers 54, 29 and 31.

one direct result of the ownership by the Associated of the valley warehouses will be the elimination of the middleman to the farmer in marketing his commodity. Instead of selling to the middleman in this particular

territory, the farmer now will be enabled to sell direct to the trade, the product being handled from the valley point by the Associated San Francisco.

Another factor of great interest to the farmer in this consolidation is that the valley bankers, in dealing with a San Francisco warehouse form of established rating, will the more readily grant advances to the producer on warehouse receipts. Also the farmer will be more easily enabled to secure proper advances on his commodity or crops. The entire plan also means a speedy and more economical transfer of the valley commodities to the distribution centers in San Francisco.

Growers of rice, beans and grain will be particular beneficiaries of this new arrangement which, however, will be of service to all valley growers who sell in the San Francisco market.

Regarding mechanical equipment of the Associated

'FRISCO AS AN INDUSTRIAL TERMINAL

Allen Hoar, of the Naval Civil Engineer Corps, and who is attached to the Public Works Department at the Mare Island Navy Yard, has made a study of topographical conditions in relation to the part which San Francisco should logically play in the port's development as warehousing and trans-shipment center for both national and world commerce. Mr. Hoar summarizes as follows the requisites for San Francisco as an ideal industrial terminal district:

- 1. Harbor sites with control of sufficient adjacent territory for possible extensions
- 2. Low cost of waterfront development
- Piers, transfer sheds and warehouses properly designed to meet the conditions and equipped with freight transferring, assorting and distributing machinery.
- 4. Sufficient area for comprehensive trackage system for classifying, shifting and storing
- Rail connections to all State and trans-continental lines, including belt lines throughout the district and to all tributary territory.
- 6. Cheap water, power and sanitary conditions.
 7. Sufficient back area to establish manufactur.
- 7. Sufficient back area to establish manufacturing lofts under control of the terminal.

"The development of San Francisco as a warehousing point," Mr. Hoar says further, "can be assured of taking to itself a vast amount of such commodities as sugar, coffee, tea, vanilla, rice and spices from South America, Central America, the Hawaiian Islands and the Orient."

Terminal warehouses at China Basin, it may be stated that system, order and efficiency are impressed upon one who enters these plants. This impression grows as one watches piece after piece and ton after ton of freight move by with ease and rapidity.

The usual method of hand trucking is employed between wharf and warehouse, but in the interior of each building the hand truck gives way to efficient methods.

The system operated by this company embodies the use of the most modern machinery. The belt conveyor replaces the hand truck; the old style hoisting method is replaced by the portable elevator; the old, inefficient method of piling by hand is done away with by the piling machines.

The belt conveyor used consists of a 24-inch specially prepared belt running over a series of rollers set every four feet on the upper side of the frame. The rolls on the under side, which are for the purpose of taking up the sag, are spaced every twenty feet, the whole being suspended eighteen feet above the floor. Three of these conveyors are used in this group of warehouses, each conveyor being 420 feet in length and operated at a speed of 250 feet per minute, by a five horsepower two-phase motor. On top of the conveyor and adjustable to any point on its

length is mounted a tripping arrangement which is for the purpose of unloading material at any desired point. When in full operation this machine, with nine men, will handle from 1200 to 1400 sacks or cases an hour, any distance along its length; whereas, if the old method of hand trucking were employed it would require from forty to fifty men to transfer an equal amount of material the same distance within the same period of time.

Adjustable along the length of the conveyor are the portable elevators, which are similar in construction to the conveyors, the belt being replaced by two chains twenty-four inches apart, and joined together by rods. These rods act as carriers and prevent the material from sliding back while being transferred from the floor to the belt conveyor. A three horsepower two-phase motor is used to drive each elevator, which operates at an angle of about thirty degrees.

Long Belt Conveyors

Following the material along the conveyor one is curious to know the method used in unloading. This is the duty of the tripping arrangement, which consists of a portable frame mounted on tracks running along the conveyor by means of which the belt may be inclined a few feet at any desired point. Material upon reaching this level is diverted by an adjustable arm to either the right or left into spiral chutes, from which it is discharged at any desired location. From this point it is either piled to await shipment, or loaded direct into cars by means of the Brown piling machine. The machine is similar in construction to the portable elevator, the difference being that it is shorter, having a length over all of eighteen feet, with table adjustments to any angle above ten degrees, and is driven by a two horsepower two-phase motor, receiving its power from various plugging boxes at different points throughout the building. These warehouses are reported to be operating the longest belt conveyors in California—models of up-to-date labor-saving methods.

One of the accompanying photographs shows one of the portable elevators which convey material from the floor to the belt conveyor. Near the upper end of the portable conveyor, and attached under the conveyor, is an electric motor that operates the chain. The lower end of the portable conveyor, when in operation, rests on the floor; but when the portable conveyor is to be moved from one point along the belt conveyor to another, the lower end of the portable conveyor is raised to a horizontal position, and held in that position by two pieces of timber extending from the frame work above. Power for moving the portable conveyor along the length of the warehouse is obtained by a small electric motor, which is operated from the floor of the warehouse by means of the ropes extending down from the upper framework.

Other Warehouses

The North Point warehouse and the Dod warehouse are located near the north water front, about one block from the Embarcadero. The Dod warehouse has a storage space of 60,000 square feet, and the North Point warehouse has a storage space of 57,000 square feet on the first floor, with spur tracks accommodating fourteen cars. These warehouses handle large quantities of imports from the

Dutch East Indies, such as rubber, coffee, tea, etc. They are less than two blocks from the Java Pacific steamer lines, over which a large percentage of East Indian products are carried. These warehouses also handle large quantities of tobacco. At one time they averaged 150 cars per month. The tobacco is stored here until vessel space is obtained. The Dod warehouse company operate an extensive fleet of motor trucks. for handling the products

between docks and warehouses, and freight depots.

66,000 sq. ft.

Extensive warehouses are maintained by the Continental Warehouse Company, De Pue Warehouse Company, Turner Whittell, and several other concerns.

It may be of interest to know something of the system of fire protection that has been installed by the City of San Francisco. This system was installed to guard against a conflagration similar to that which followed the earthquake in 1906. The system is known as the high-pressure system, and is said to be one of the most efficient of any city in the world.

The area protected exceeds eight square miles, or nearly double the burned area. It includes the warehouse district, the industrial, business, and a large part of the residence districts. Due to the city's irregular topography it was necessary, in order to secure fairly uniform pressure in both the high and low lying districts, to divide the protected area into two zones, each supplied from a separate and independent reservoir. Both zones, however, can be connected with the main supply reservoir.

The warehouse district lies in the low zone. The two reservoirs supply water at an average pressure of 150 pounds to the hydrants in their respective zones. By cutting the zone in which the warehouses are located into the reservoir normally supplying the higher zone, an average pressure of 210 pounds can be obtained at the hydrants of the warehouse zone. Finally, an average pressure of 300 pounds and a maximum of 329 pounds can be got in the warehouse zone by utilizing the direct head of the main reservoir, with capacity of 10,000,000 gallons.

 No. 3
 25,000 sq. ft.

 No. 4
 50,000 sq. ft.

 No. 5
 151,000 sq. ft.

 No. 6
 155,000 sq. ft.

 No. 7
 98,000 sq. ft.

 No. 8
 57,000 sq. ft.

 No. 9
 33,000 sq. ft.

 No. 10
 95,000 sq. ft.

 No. 11
 66,500 sq. ft.

 No. 12
 46,000 sq. ft.

Editor's Page

Warehousemen and the Convention of Distributors

ATTENTION is called to "Stumbling Blocks," the series of letters written by traffic managers and warehousemen and which begins in this issue. Here are being set forth viewpoints which are conflicting and which will be modified only through conciliation.

How is that conciliation to be brought about? The answer can be summarized in one word. That word is *co-operation*.

The instrumentality for this co-operation is the proposed national association of the manufacturers' representatives who handle warehouse accounts. Once organized, this body will have its members attend the annual conventions of the American Warehousemen's Association and the American Chain of Warehouses. There the "stumbling blocks" will be discussed. The certain outcome will be the conciliation that is necessary to push aside these "blocks." The "blocks" are the problems that can and will be solved satisfactorily when both sides become parties to an endeavor to standardize forms and practices.

It is the man of narrow vision, the man who

is an obstructionist, who will not now work actively to promote the successful launching of the new association at the convention to be held in Chicago next month. It is every warehouseman's duty—moreover it is his privilege—to communicate with every distribution manager whom he knows, call his attention to this convention, and urge him to attend and to join. The live wires in the industry are already doing this, for they learned at Cincinnati last December the value of obtaining personal acquaintanceship with the manufacturers' representatives who distribute through their warehouses.

Mr. Keenan and Mr. Lovejoy, respectively president and vice-president of the American Warehousemen's Association, have through their splendid efforts of co-operation set the example for the other men in the storage industry. Let those others follow.

From the traffic and distribution executives who are founding the new association comes this message to every warehouseman:

"Roll up your sleeves and get to work. Help remove the 'stumbling blocks.'"

Is Your Warehouse Listed As a Risk?

THE figures prepared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and presented on Page 32 serve to emphasize the wisdom of the adoption of a policy of co-operation by the warehousing industry toward the campaign which the Board is conducting to reduce the danger of fire in storage plants of all types. Reduce that menace and automatically the insurance companies will begin quoting lower rates.

How many warehousemen have any idea

whether their buildings are so equipped as to approach the ideal? Those who do not know, who have indeed not given thought to this subject, which is one of the most important to-day in the industry, can gain the knowledge they ought to have and can do so readily by getting in touch with the Board's officials. This they can do by communicating with Distribution & Warehousing on any specific problem they have in mind in relation to hazardous conditions in their plants. We are your clearing house, specially designated for that purpose, dedicated to that end, by arrangement with the Board.

What can we do to help you?

READERS' FORUM

DISTRIBUTION & WAREHOUSING will welcome receipt of letters from men in the warehouse and distribution fields who have something worth while to say for the benefit of others. Communications of this character should be addressed: Readers' Forum, Distribution & Warehousing, 239 West 39th Street, New York City

"HE WHO SERVES BEST, SERVES SELF"

Editor, Distribution & Warehousing. New York, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

I read with a great deal of interest the report on the Cincinnati meeting of the traffic managers and warehousemen, and cannot refrain from taking some exceptions to remarks by some of the

traffic boys.

ALL warehousemen are not alike; we know one concern (Yours Truly) that takes as much pride and care in looking after our customers' interests as if all goods were our own. We handle from 15 to 20 carloads a month, and each car is looked after individually, and if anything is broken, or short in count, a report is immediately made to R. R. Freight Agent, and copy sent to consignor; notations are made on freight bills so as to help consignors in filing claims, and any other assistance given that will help them straighten out any tangles. We keep a correct record of all seals on car doors, and when goods are damaged or ruined by oils, etc. (as have been), we immediately stop all unloading until consignor or consignee is notified, so as to help get matters adjusted. We do not unload first and then talk of looking into the claim end of it; we consider the time to act is when the car arrives, and when anything is wrong, to call the freight agent over and let him see conditions as they really exist. We get quick results that way. We always work with our customers and for their interests. We have at least half-a-dozen accounts who store with us, and if any one desires to purchase anything from their stock we obtain prices by advising we have calls from "So and So" and help sell, as many times their agents are not on the spot to do so. In many cases we are never paid for this extra service, and do not look for it; our aim is to help, as such service always brings back good results. We follow this motto: "HE WHO SERVES BEST, SERVES SELF." . . . and we find it pays.

If a shipper desires to know when a car arrives, we advise him at once; if not so requested, we unload and advise him when work is all finished.

Regarding the remark that the warehouseman that stores is not always the best one to handle their goods, we must disagree with that party. In many instances pooled cars come in for distribution (and should be called JUMBLED cars instead, as no consignment is intact or together, some on one side of car, some in each end of car). In that event, the man who has the warehouse to lay those shipments out so as to get them together, and get a correct check on the goods, is the man who can handle such cars to the best advantage, and get better results; he is less apt to have errors than the fellow who backs up to a car and begins to pick out for each party. Many times cars come in for three and four different parties; and if each one is to call for his goods and do his own carting, nine times out of ten the fellow who calls first is the one who should have come last, as his goods are back of the other fellow's. Thus the man with the warehouse can give better service.

We do not wait for pooled cars to come to us; we are always looking after them. We are more than delighted to see that the traffic managers will form an association and work with the warehousemen. Then the fellow who gives them the service will have a chance to be talked about.

Respectfully yours,

JOS. BIMBERG SONS,
Elmira, N. Y. per Nathan Bimberg.

"FLAT RATES"

MADISON, WIS., Feb. 26, 1920. Distribution & Warehousing, 231-241 West 39th Street, New York City.

Dear Editor:

In the February issue of your magazine we were very much interested in reading the article under the heading of "Flat Rate for Service."

Our warehouse contains 1,000,000 cu. ft. of storage space. We are making it the distribution center for southern Wisconsin, and are ourselves distributing under both the flat rate and the separate charge plan, but are bringing more of our accounts into the former system, as we find it very much simpler from the standpoint of the warehouseman and that it gives much greater satisfaction to the customer.

In our case the flat rate proposition presupposes one kind of service; that is, that goods are received in carload lots and shipped by freight in L.C.L. shipments, and when handled in this way the flat rate proposition has presented only one difficulty or unfairness other than those usual in storage accounts.

The one objection we have found is that the tendency is to make the flat rate on an average of 30 days' storage, while in running an account, the amount of stock carried is often equal to much more than this.

This, however, is a point that can be worked out as familiarity with the requirements are learned and strongly approve of the flat rate plan of charging for commercial storage.

Yours truly,

THE UNION TRANSFER & STORAGE CO. Robert M. Jenkins, President.

We Correct an Error

NEW YORK, Jan. 23, 1920.

Distribution & Warehousing.

Class Journal Company, U. P. C.
239 West 39th St.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

We notice in your January issue, on Page 51, you state that Charles & Company of New York have purchased from this company a warehouse on East 41st St.

The property which we sold consisted of a stable, for which we had no use as we changed our equipment from horse drawn vehicles to electric.

Will you please correct the statement, and oblige,

Very truly yours, JOHN G. NEESER, President.

Would Limit Truck Measurements

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3-A bill prohibiting operating or driving on public highways of New York State, outside of cities, of an auto truck or trailer having a width of body, inclusive of load, of more than 8 ft. and a gross height of more than 12 ft. 6 in., or having a combined weight of truck and load of more than 25,000 lb., has been introduced in the Legislature. Trucks hitherto registered or re-registered under section 282 not conforming to these provisions would be exempt during the period for which they were registered. The present law applies only to trucks and trailers having a combined weight of truck and load of more than 25,000 lb.

FROM THE LEGAL VIEWPOINT

By George F. Kaiser

Mr. Kaiser is a practicing lawyer who makes a special study of warehousing and transfer affairs. Service given in this department is free. DISTRIBUTION & WAREHOUSING cannot agree to answer all questions, but will do so as far as is possible.

When the Warehouse Watchman Helps to Steal, Who Is Responsible?

DITOR, Distribution & Warehousing: In reply to your letter to us regarding the theft of sugar from our warehouse, we certainly do appreciate the way that you are handling this matter for us and also the attention that you are giving it.

Now, then, we had a watchman here at the time that the sugar was stolen, but, unfortunately, this watchman is the man that helped to steal and sell this sugar, and he has run away.

Also, wish to mention to you that we have signs printed and hung in our warehouse that read: "We are not responsible for any theft from this warehouse. This applies to storage of all description."

Our customer was so informed at the time that he placed his order with us for the storage of this sugar. We told him that we would store this sugar only at his own risk as regards the safety of same.

Now, as the matter stands, we have told you in detail just what the situation is. Also for future use, is there any form that a warehouseman can draw up that would protect him against theft loss? If so, please forward us at once a copy of some such form.

As far as the point of negligence is concerned, we will say to you that we believe that we have not been negligent in keeping someone here to watch the place, as we at all times had the watchman here, but as previously stated, he himself was connected with this theft. U. T. Co., Youngstown, Ohio.

ANSWER: A warehouseman is liable for loss of goods by theft, etc., if the loss was due to his negligence or other fault, but not otherwise. The only negligence that could be attributed to you in this case would be the fact that you employed a watchman who turned out to be dishonest. If

you used the proper degree of care in employing this watchman and in investigating his reference I do not believe that you would be held to be negligent. In a case of this kind the persons who have the final say as to whether or not a warehouseman was negligent are the jurors to whom the question is referred when the case comes to Court.

I do not know how you can exempt yourself from liability for theft, as it would undoubtedly be construed as an effort on your part to relieve yourself from your own negligence. If you are a public warehouseman you cannot contract to exempt yourself from your own negligence.

BURDEN OF PROOF

WHEN an automobile is stolen from its place of storage the burden is on the person who stored it to show that he is free from negligence, it was held by the Supreme Court of Minnesota in a recent case. On June 10, 1918, an automobile was received for storage and a receipt was issued for it. That night thieves entered the place of storage, stole the automobile, and when the owner demanded it the next morning he was advised it had been stolen. The Court decided that the finding of a jury that the man was negligent was proper, saying:

"Where a loss occurs under such circumstances as are here disclosed the burden is on the bailee to show that he was free from negligence; that is, that he exercised such care to keep the property safely as a prudent man would ordinarily exercise under such or similar circumstances.

"This place of storage was 100 ft. by 120 ft. in size and fronted on two streets, at the intersection of which it was located. In one end of the building partitions had been erected

so as to provide an office, a stockroom which opened into the office, and a small repair shop. The remainder of the building was used for storage purposes and there is testimony that it was full of automobiles and trucks on the night in question. Defendant had a so-called night man who went on duty at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and remained until midnight or a few minutes later, and who was required to see that the windows and doors were closed and locked when he left. Defendant had no one at or in charge of the storage place during the remainder of the night. There were two wide doorways through which automobiles could be taken in or out. At night these doorways were closed by sliding doors which were fastened on the inside by iron hasps hooked into staples in the wall. These hasps could be easily unhooked and the door opened at any time by any person inside the building. When the theft was discovered on the morning of When the theft June 11, one of these doors was found unfastened and a window in the back of the garage was found open. There was evidence from which the jury could find that this window had been left open by defendant's employees, and that the thieves entered through it. They broke open the door to the stockroom with a bar or jimmy and took all the tires and tubes therein. They also took two automobiles, including the one belonging to plaintiff.

"Defendant contends that the verdict was excessive. The only evidence as to the value of the automobile was the testimony of plaintiff and the testimony of one witness presented by defendant. The jury took the value as fixed by the plaintiff and there is nothing in the record from which we can say that they were not justified in doing so." (Steenson v. Flour City Fuel & Transfer Co., 175 N. W. 681.)

New Cleveland Warehouse Co.

CLEVELAND, March 20—The Scott Bros. Fireproof Storage Co. has been chartered with a capital of \$10,000 to conduct a storage business. The incorporators are O. L. Scott, T. J. Moffett, N. B. Madden, M. E. Getchell and O. E. Schultz.

Divergent Viewpoints Regarding

National Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Opponent and Proponent Opinions as Expressed in Letters to Distribution & Warehousing

HE path of the organizers of the new National Furniture Warehousemen's Association is not strewn with roses. A number of household goods storage executives who have for years been members of the American Warehousemen's Association are strongly hostile to the movement.

The thought of these opponents is that the furniture warehousemen of the country will enjoy more benefits through affiliation with the household goods subdivision of the American Warehousemen's Association than by identifying themselves with the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association. As one of the household goods warehousemen—a member of the A. W. A.—phrases it in a letter to Distribution & Warehousing, the advocates of the furniture organization are "excavating and fitting up a new channel, running parallel to the one already built."

In an effort to place, in an unbiased way, the situation before the warehousemen of the country, Distribution & Warehousing submitted to Ralph J. Wood, secretary of the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association, and one of the proponents of the new body, the copies of the texts of two letters which this magazine has received recently from two household goods men who are members of the A. W. A. These two communications bespeak loyalty to the older organization and express at length the criticisms which the writers have to make regarding the new movement. Distribution & Warehousing felt that it was fair to both sides to present the viewpoint of each and to let our readers draw their own conclusions.

The names of the writers of the letters opposing the new association are on file with this magazine. The writer in each instance asked that his communication be published anonymously. Mr. Wood's reply is, at his request, published with his signature. It is interesting to note that Mr. Wood in his letter identifies H. L. Halverson, of the Boyd Transfer & Storage Company, Minneapolis, as the author of one of the opposing communications. The latter read:

LOYALTY TO "JIMMIE" KEENAN

1 HAVE just been reading the February issue of the magazine which, by the way, I want to say seems to improve from month to month. I was much interested in the account of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association's discussion at the New York Furniture Warehousemen's meeting, as this morning's mail brought the circular letter of this Association, dated March I, with application blank.

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"The arguments for the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association as expressed in this circular seem to be two. First: to provide a vehicle for the national expression, representation, activity and prestige. Second: to reduce the expense to warehousemen, both in time and money—now incident to membership in several warehouse organizations.

"As to the first reason, it occurs to me in thinking over the matter that the A. W. A. provides (or under its constitution and by-laws is entirely capable of providing) to the fullest degree national expression, national representation, national activity as fully as the new association . . . and national prestige greater than the new association can hope for for many, many years.

"Regarding the second point, it still seems desirable, even necessary, to reThe writers of two of these letters are antagonistic to the formation of a national association of furniture warehousemen, on the ground chiefly that they believe that this branch of the industry would obtain wider national representation through the household goods subdivision of the American Warehousemen's Association.

The writer of the third letter-Ralph J. Wood, Chicagogives a detailed history of the movement to organize the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, which is to hold its first meeting in July. Mr. Wood's purpose is to point out that the plan has the approval of a majority of the household goods warehousemen of the country. His communication was written in accordance with instructions given him at a meeting, on March 15, of the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association, which he is secretary.

tain our membership in the A. W. A., the N. Y. F. W. A., the I. F. W. A. and the Southern F. W. A. We are still paying dues in all, and none has yet notified us that it is going to discontinue associate membership. Each association apparently is going to do this when the other associations have done so.

"If we join the National Association our dues will be increased by \$75, to a total of \$145. Now we are paying \$40 for the A. W. A.—\$10 each for the other three, making \$70 in all. Our time and expense for travel to meetings will apparently be greater, rather than less—by reason of the new association, if we wish to keep in close touch with our brethren.

"Is there any real prospect of the expenses for dues and for meetings decreasing by the plans proposed by the National Association? Not soon, certainly. Consider dues. We belong to four associations now, and our dues are \$70. If we join the National and cut out the four others we belong to, our dues will be \$75, or \$5 more than at present. However, we would not want to resign from the A. W. A. in any case, so our expense for dues will be increased by \$45 permanently; and for a year at least—and possibly for several—the increase would be \$75. Consider time and the expenses for traveling to meetings. All the associations will undoubtedly hold

their meetings as usual this year, and perhaps for years to come, until some one of them takes the initiative and drops associate members. In addition to these meetings, there will be the two meetings of the new National Association—one in mid-summer and one in winter.

"Altogether I conclude that the chances for any economy resulting from the organization of the new association are about as good as Wilson's chances for a third term.

"My thought turns again to the A. W. A., with our own well beloved Jimmie Keenan as president, with its household goods sub-division, having complete freedom of action, and I wonder why we cannot all turn our energy into this channel, already constructed and in use, rather than to go to the labor and expense of excavating and fitting up a new channel, running parallel to the one already built."

"THE TRUTH AS WE SEE IT"

The Second Opponent Letter Reads:

"THERE is, perhaps, no question facing the warehousemen of the country to-day regarding the subject of organization that is more important than the proposed new National Furniture Warehousemen's Association. If you are interested in associations at all we believe the discussion which follows will interest you.

"Let us say in the first place that, although we are going to speak frankly, we do so with nothing but the heartiest good will toward those who are promoting this new association. When a move of such importance to all is being made, however, it is only the part of fairness to all that we understand the facts clearly. In presenting our understanding of the question we do not act in any official capacity. We represent only ourselves -no officer and no committee of any association. We have no axe to grind. We are looking for no notoriety. We are telling the truth as we see it solely for the good of the warehouse business throughout the country.

"A number of our fellow warehousemen engaged in the storage of household goods have conceived the idea of organizing a new national association of warehousemen who store household goods. They have met and have adopted a constitution and by-laws. They have secured the approval of meetings of the Illinois, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania associations, and their agreement to drop their associate memberships. The dues have been fixed, as we understand it, at from \$50 to \$75 per year; application blanks for membership are being gotten out, and the warehousemen of the country are to be invited to join this new association.

"Now you know, and we know, that there is already in existence a national association of warehousemen capable of giving to household goods warehousemen all the advantages of co-operation

and centralized effort they may desire. How well fitted is the American Warehousemen's Association to do this we will show later. The first question that naturally arises is, 'Why not use the organization we already have, rather than form a new one?' Again: 'The machinery of the American association is already in running shape and functioning properly. Why create new machinery that will not be in working order for several years and discard that which we already have?' Still again: 'The American association has acquired a fine reputation, with great influence, in the courts and legislative halls of the country. Why cast this aside and go over the ground again in a new association?'

"This idea of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association started chiefly among the men who were active in the Illinois association. Some years ago a paper was read at New York at a meeting of the American association recommending that each state association drop its associate membership and that the American association be made the one national association. Committees were appointed, we believe, to try to work this out. When the question came before the Illinois association, however, those present went on record against turning their associate members over to the American, and later meetings went on record as favoring the new National association. How did this come about and what were the reasons at the bottom of it?

"Study the action taken in almost any organization or at almost any meeting. You find something like this: About 10 per cent or less have familiarized themselves with the question and take the leadership in favor of it. About an equal number are also familiar with it and part of them oppose it, but the rest do not care to register their opposition. The other 80 per cent are either unfamiliar with the question, or are too indifferent to care which way it goes simply voting with the side that seems the stronger. 'Let George do it' has defeated more worthy movements than active opposition ever did. That, in our judgment, is what has happened on this question. The leaders seemed to want this new association badly. The majority said, without thoroughly considering all phases of the subject, that, if they wanted it so badly, let them have That is why an affirmative vote on a question at any meeting does not always mean that the majority are in favor of it. We maintain that only a small number of warehousemen really feel that this new association is wanted, but they got these votes and are actively pushing the matter because they are determined to have their way.

"Those who are pushing this new association will tell you perhaps that the American Warehousemen's Association does not give the household goods members a full voice in its affairs or enough attention in its activities—that the merchandise members get chief use of the machinery of the association. They want their money to go more to the household goods end of the association and not devoted so much to other sections. We have only to say that at the New York meeting, above noted, it was voted to practically separate the American into three associations, household goods, merchandise, and cold storage. This has been done and now each section has its own chairman, uses most of its own money, has its separate meetings at conventions, and retains only enough affiliation with the other sections to get what value there is in working with them and to co-ordinate effort on questions of general interest.

"They may say that the Illinois association, which is a household goods organization, is larger than the household goods section of the American; that the Illinois must be more efficient in its service to members; that the new National association is to continue along the line of the Illinois, and therefore they do not wish to transfer their associate membership to the smaller and less efficient American association's household goods section. We answer to this that of our own knowledge the Illinois was not of more service to its members except by virtue of its larger membership. And it was larger, partly because its meetings were in a central location, but largely because they had some mighty good advertisers behind it. The American has finally awakened to this fact, although we are frank to say they have been rather late in doing it.

Where the Gain?

"We do not believe it would wrench the pride of the Illinois members to join the American any more than it would to join a totally new National association. The great majority of those composing the American association in the household goods section are also members of the Illinois; and both, therefore, are our own associations. We believe the other Illinois members who do not belong to the American are hard-headed business men enough to thrust sectional pride aside for the sake of united and more efficient action. To get an accurate view of the situation, one might ask what will be gained by the new association that is not found in the American Warehousemen's Association. Let us take up these questions one by one.

"To have the control of the association in the hands of the household goods men? We have pointed out that this is already a fact with the household goods subdivision of the American under the revised by-laws.

"An efficiency expert, or cost accounting study, particularly for household goods members? This has already been started and the success of the work depends only upon the interest and backing of the members. The Central Bureau Committee of the household goods sub-division met recently in Atlantic City to formulate detailed plans to this end.

"Meetings entirely for household goods members? We already have a separate session at the American convention and it could easily be arranged to have one or more special meetings in the summer or at any other time—lasting as long as

desired-devoted entirely to household

goods business.
"Decrease duplication of effort? This is entirely dependent upon the Illinois, New York and other associations divorcing themselves from associate members, and, as it is part of the program of the new association to have this done, it could just as readily be done if the concentration of effort was made under the auspices of the American association. Indeed, if this new association is formed and the American continues to operate, the new association will have created a more definite duplication of effort than is now the case.

Regarding Dues

"More revenue from the dues to be devoted entirely to the household goods interests? Many who have studied the question, although necessarily in a cursory way, are confident that more revenue will be available, working under the American association, than would be the case under a new organization. In other words, that proportion of our dues that is now devoted to the general association would be offset, or more than offset, by the proportion of the dues in the new organization that would be required for what might be called overhead expense.

"Decreased expense to members? Some might find it so, but with most of us it would not mean decreased expense to form this new association. We would still retain membership in the American association and the sum total of our present associate membership dues would hardly be as much as the substitution of the dues of the new association.

"A larger organization? Last year J. F. Keenan, acting alone as chairman of his membership committee, added scores of new members to the American and showed plainly the possibilities of a further increase by the use of active methods. Would it not be much easier to induce warehousemen to join the American Warehousemen's Association-with its quarter-century of achievement and prestige—than to join a new organiza-tion, provided the new association did not sacrifice its necessary income by fixing dues much lower than those in the American?

A. W. A. Is "Workable"

"A paid secretary devoting his entire time to the industry? There is no reason why this cannot be done under the present scheme of organization of the American association. Indeed, if we remem-ber rigthly as to the plans outlined at the Cincinnati convention, that is exactly what is planned. It is simply a question of paying for his services and that is what would be involved in the new National association.

"It is plain, then, that from the standpoint of workableness, the American Warehousemen's Association offers to the household goods warehousemen of the country a machinery of organization already in existence, functioning smoothly and capable of expanding its activities to as great an extent as we wish. That the household goods members are ably represented in the affairs of the general association is assured by the fact that J. F. Keenan of Pittsburgh, whose efficient work in getting new members has already been noted, is now president of the American Warehousemen's Association. We, ourselves, think that under George S. Lovejoy's administration the household goods men received as much attention as they would take; but if there is any feeling that the merchandise section was getting more than its share of attention, Mr. Lovejoy has removed any reason for it by requesting of members that a household goods man be elected, expressing a wish that he be not nominated again.

"One word further regarding the advantages of affiliation with the American association. Many of the household goods men are interested also in merchandise or cold storage and would wish to retain their membership in any event. How much better for such members especially to combine the three departments of the warehouse business in one organization like the American so that one convention would cover the whole field. This alone is an all-sufficient argument against the formation of the new National association.

A "Mistake"

"Now the organizing of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association seems to us to be a mistake for this reason: We all recognize the value of local associations dropping their associate memberships and having one nationwide body. It is obvious that there cannot be two thoroughly efficient, nationwide organizations of household goods warehousemen, both of which are formed for the same purposes, without duplication of effort and expense-the very thing we want to get away from. The fact that the American association is working along national lines in its merchandise and cold storage sections, holding its conventions which will be attended by a multitude of household goods warehousemen, means that there will be a constant demand for a household goods section of the American association and for a household goods program at conven-tions. Yet if this new National association is a success, it cannot fail to prevent the full success of the American. On the other hand the importance of the American will always prevent the full success of the National, for level-headed business men are not likely to allow continued and unnecessary duplication, and the tendency will be to join one or the other and not both.

"It seems to us-and we wish that the courteous and diplomatic language that is necessary to express only good will could yet carry a more convincing meaning-that the organization of this new National association is very unwise. We do not doubt the good intentions of those who are actively promoting it, but we cannot think that they have adequately considered how unnecessary it is-and a thing that is unnecessary should not be allowed to go on. The reasons they give for the formation of the new body are those that are answered above, and we cannot think that the household goods

warehousemen of the country will back them up in so illogical a move—and we repeat that it is our belief that any votes taken do not yet express the real wish of the majority. We asked those who are pushing this matter to allow a referendum to be submitted to the houseohld goods warehousemen of the country, but they preferred to take votes at different meetings as indicative of the sentiment of all. We remind you that the Minnesota Warehousemen's Association has not expressed an opinion on this matter, nor has the Canadian association had a presentation of the matter, although many of their members are also members of the American. The Central Warehousemen's Club refused to allow time for presentation of the matter and, since the leading members are quite familiar with the movement it cannot be considered as anything but unfavorable to it.

"Finally, those launching this new association will not allow a referendum. Now if the new association doesn't get members it cannot start. While we regret with all our hearts to see a matter in which a number of our fellow warehousemen are greatly interested killed and their efforts come to naught, we earnestly hope that you will help kill this movement. If we are mistaken in our position and it develops that the majority of the warehousemen of the country are thoroughly in favor of it, even with the understanding that it will probably divide the interest of the warehousemen with the American—neither having a full success—then we shall certainly sign an application and hope to be admitted to membership. If we are correct in our belief, however, we hope to see the great majority of warehousemen return the application blank to the sender, with only this comment: 'We think the American Warehousemen's Association could handle this as well or better than a new association.'

"As we said, with no axe to grind, representing no officer or committee, we hope to see the warehousemen of the country, engaged in the storage of household goods, do away with this new National association by refusing to join it."

THE LETTER FROM MR. WOOD

March 8 in which you enclose copies of letters received by you in reference to the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association. One of these I have not seen heretofore. The other, written by H. L. Halverson of the Boyd Transfer & Storage Co, Minneapolis, Minn., has been sent to all members of the various associations.

"I can only say that Mr. Halverson's letter is a palpable misstatement of facts and is either made for personal reasons or through ignorance. Inasmuch as it has not been the custom of the Boyd Transfer & Storage Co. to be represented at the meetings of the various associations, with the exception of the American Warehousemen's Association, they apparently know very little about what has been going on in household goods circles, though they might have obtained information by reading the monthly and annual publications of the various state organizations, had they thought it necessary to be posted.

"The idea of a national warehousemen's association was not started 'chiefly among men who were active in the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association,' but was the result of a demand made by a majority of the warehousemen of the country for full participation in a strictly household goods association, as will be explained later on. Mr. Halverson's statement that it was a matter of 'let George do it' is an insult to the intelligence of the warehousemen of America.

History of Movement

"The following statement is a matter of record in the published reports of the various associations and can be easily verified.

"The question of a national association of household goods warehousemen was first brought up by C. A. Aspinwall of the Security Storage Co., Washington, D. C., at the 1916 meeting of the Illinois association held at Cedar Point, Ohio, in June of that year. At that meeting Mr. Aspinwall read a paper entitled 'The Future of the Warehouse Associations.' At the conclusion of his able paper, B. S. Hurwitz of the Westheimer Warehouse Co., Houston, Tex. offered a resolution which carried, 'that the presidents and secretaries of the different associations confer upon the matter during the year and present a definite report at the next summer meeting.' Pursuant to such resolution committees from the New York, American, Southern, and Illinois associations and Central Warehousemen's Club met at Chattanooga, Tenn., in February, 1917, formulating plans for an amalgamation with the American Warehousemen's Association, and a report was made at the summer meeting of the Illinois association held at Green Lake, Wis., in June, 1917, at which were present 137 warehousemen from all sections of the United States. After report was made a resolution was offered by Newton R. Frost of the Ballard Fireproof Storage Co., St. Paul, Minn., seconded by W. R. Kissick of the Neal Fireproof Storage Co., Cleveland, 'that it is the sense of this body that a national organization of furniture warehousemen independent of all other organizations is to be desired.' This resolution was carried unanimously and the committee was ordered continued with this end in view. At the New York meeting in July of the same year the same question was brought up and their committee was ordered continued.

Action Last June

"The matter then slumbered until December, 1918, when a letter was received by the Illinois association from P. J. Mills, White Line Transfer & Storage Co., Des Moines, Iowa, asking that the associate membership be given a voice and vote in the affairs of the association and representation on the board of directors. In compliance with this request

a committee consisting of Mr. P. J. Mills, chariman; Mr. C. J. Hamilton of the Security Storage & Trust Co., Baltimore; and Mr. E. M. Bond of the E. M. Bond Fireproof Storage Co., Nashville, Tenn., was appointed to devise ways and means to change the by-laws of the Illinois association providing for representation, such report to be made at the annual meeting in June, 1919.

"The question came up before 203 warehousemen from all sections of the United States and after a great deal of discussion Mr. L. H. Tanner of the Central Storage of Detroit, Mich., offered a resolution: 'I move you that it is the sense of this meeting that there should be a national organization of furniture warehousemen, and that a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter and report back to this meeting.' The motion was seconded by Mr. A. B. Compton, Lincoln Firproof Storage Co., Dayton, Ohio, and carried unanimously. The president appointed Mr. P. J. Mills as chairman; W. Lee Cotter, Cotter Transfer & Storage Co., Mansfield Ohio; E. M. Bond, Southern Association; Charles S. Morris, secretary New York association; Homer Duffy, Pacific Coast association; Buell G. Miller, Pennsylvania associa-

Association, to act as such committee. Conference Resolution

tion, and R. J. Wood, secretary, Illinois

This representative committee met and reported back the following resolution: 'That the secretary of the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association be instructed to call a conference of committees from each present State or regional household goods association, if they are in favor of the proposed plans, to confer for the purpose of formulating constitution, by-laws and scheme of operation for a national household goods warehousemen's association; that each association be invited to send an accredited committee of not more than three members to represent it; the time and place of such conference to be set by the secretary of this association after determining the convenience of all concerned.' The adoption of this resolution was moved by Mr. L. H. Tanner, seconded by Mr. T. Y. Leonard, Leonard Warehouses, Inc., Detroit, Mich., and was unanimously carried.

"The various associations signified their interest in the proposed plan and appointed committees as follows: W. C. Reid, Charles S. Morris, James F. Keenan, for the New York association; William T. Bostwick, T. L. Morton, Charles Milbauer, for the New Jersey association; Buell G. Miller, Charles G. Wightman, Walter P. Sweeting for the Pennsylvania association; C. J. Hamilton, Charles H. Kaufman, for the Baltimore association; E. M. Bond, T. F. Catheart for the Southern association; Col. Frank Shellhouse, for the Indiana association; F. L. Bateman, M. H. Kennelly and R. J. Wood, for the Illinois association.

"A conference was called at White Sulphur Springs W. Va., Dec. 5, 1919. There were present at that meeting W. C. Reid, W. C. Gilbert, James F.

Keenan, W. T. Bostwick, T. L. Morton, Charles Milbauer, Charles G. Wightman, Buell G. Miller, Walter P. Sweeting, E. M. Bond, C. J. Hamilton, C. H. Kaufman, Col. Frank Shellhouse, F. L. Bateman, M. H. Kennelly, R. J. Wood; and also C. A. Aspinwall, W. Lee Cotter and W. R. Matthews, representing the American Warehousemen's Association, which had been invited to send a committee. This conference prepared and adopted a constitution and by-laws for a new association to be called the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association: elected temporary officers and an executive committee consisting of James F. Keenan, Walter C. Reid, F. L. Bateman, Charles S. Morris, E. M. Bond, M. H. Kennelly and R. J. Wood to carry on preliminary organization work and perfect plans for the first meeting to be held the second Friday in July, 1920, subject, of course, to ratification by the various associations.

Ratifications

"The Illinois association ratified the proposed new organization Dec. 15, 1919; the New Jersey association Jan. 14, 1920; the New York association Jan. 19, 1920; Pennsylvania and Southern associations Feb. 11, 1920, and Pacific Coast association Feb. 23, 1920. The Central Warehousemen's Club sent no representatives to the White Sulphur conference for the reason it considered itself primarily a merchandise association. With this exception all associations have voted to amend their by-laws eliminating their associate membership. With the Illinois association this becomes effective June 1, 1920.

"On Feb. 4 the Boyd Transfer & Storage Co., through Mr. Halverson, wrote asking that the formation of the proposed national association be submitted to a referendum. This could not be done at that late date for the reason that three of the largest associations had already ratified the new organization, and why, with the expressed wish of the majority of the warehousemen of the country, should such action be rescinded by special meeting or otherwise at the request of one concern—the Boyd Transfer & Storage Co.?

"Mr. Halverson's lengthy appeal was mailed Feb. 27, 1920. His statement regarding dues in the new association is incorrect. They were fixed at from \$25 to \$75 per annum, subject to discussion at the first meeting. The constitution and by-laws of the new association were published complete in the December, 1919, Journal of the Illinois association. The Boyd Transfer & Storage Co. received a copy of that publication; therefore they cannot plead ignorance.

"In closing, let me say that Mr. Halverson's letter is to a great degree a misstatement of facts. The household goods warehousemen have by a large majority indicated their desire on several different occasions, for a purely household goods organization and the formation of the new organization is the result of their express wish.

sult of their express wish.
"Yours very truly,
"R. J, Wood."

MOTOR TRUCK

and

RAILROAD FREIGHTING

by

W. J. L. BANHAM

General Traffic Manager Otis Elevator Company

THERE seems to be no question at the present time that the carrying of less than carload shipments to short-haul points by the rail carriers is not only expensive to the shippers, but is also unprofitable to the carriers. Until recently it seemed to be almost necessary for the shippers to use the rail carriers for the movement of their less than carload shipments to nearby points, regardless of expense and delay, as there did not seem to be any organized effort made by the motor truck operators to take care of this class of freight.

It is extremely difficult for the carriers to figure cost of transportation of package freight hauled short distances and particularly to those points at which they do not have a through car movement. The expense of transferring the less than carload shipments one or more times when moving within fifty miles of the receiving station, and the additional expense caused by delay of equipment, has been recognized by the Government, with the result that the United States Railroad Administration during the war ruled that freight destined within a certain radius would not be handled by the rail carriers. It was necessary, therefore, for the shippers to find other means of transporting this class of freight. Motor truck transportation, while still in its infancy at the present time, pointed a way to the shippers whereby their less than carload shipments could be handled not only more promptly but at a considerable saving both to the shipper and to the receiver of freight alike.

While it is true that it is almost impossible for the carriers to figure the exact cost of handling short-haul freight, it is equally as difficult for the shippers to ascertain the cost of transporting similar freight. The question of costs brings me to the first part of my subject, and in order to make it clear as to what I mean by costs and what these costs cover, I am going to refer to them as transportation costs. Transportation costs do not necessarily mean less than carload freight rates and mo-

Users of motor trucks should consider to what extent they can be operated in competition with shorthaul freight movement. The principles involved are: First, service; second, cost.

tor truck rates, although both rates are a part of the transportation costs.

What I understand to be a true transportation cost is all expense involved in making a shipment, starting with the boxing or packing expense, together with handling expense in the shipping department, the loading of freight on teams for delivery to the freight house, teaming charges from the shipping department to the local freight house, and additional labor incidental thereto. To this must be added the less than carload freight rate and additional charge for cartage at the delivery point, with such other expenses as may be caused by requests for tracing, duplication of shipments lost or damaged in transit, entering of claims, checking of freight bills, delay to shipments in transit, and the expense of carrying additional stock to take care of freight in transit when moving via rail carriers.

All of these costs are properly transportation costs and are part of the shipping expenses which are paid either by the shipper or receiver.

If you will make an analysis of the charges covering your shipments it will be of interest to you to know the amount it costs to make less than carload shipments, and if you will compare these costs against the same shipments moving via motor truck, you should be in a position to eliminate a number of the cost items, by reason of the fact that it is not necessary to go to the same expense for packing or boxing freight shipments when moving via motor truck, inasmuch as there is usually no transfer in transit.

For the information of truck users I have compiled some figures showing the cost of freight movement, compared with the same movement via motor truck. These figures are worked out on an average basis.

In practically every instance it is necessary to prepare material for freight shipment in an entirely different way than if it moved via motor truck direct from the shipper to the receiver. It is necessary to go to considerable additional expense for boxing or crating, or to protect by other means, in order to prevent loss or damage in transit. This additional packing expense is necessary on account of the number of handlings the less than carload shipments receive at the hands of the teamsters and carriers after the material leaves the shipping department.

We have included in the freight cost the first class rate plus 30 cents per hundred pounds teaming charges at shipping and receiving point. To these costs must be added 17 per cent

for the cost of carrying the increased weight caused by heavy boxing, and 24 cents per hundred pounds for the increased cost of boxing. The rate via motor truck covers delivery from the shipper's warehouse to the receiver's warehouse. I have averaged this rate, and believe it to be a fair one to use in comparison with the freight cost movement.

Trucks vs. Freight Car

The rates that I worked out are based on Newark. I understand that in the freight cost item are included the various items that I have referred to, such as additional crating, additional labor, and so on. I find on shipments moving from Newark to Yonkers that if we combined all the costs, that is, additional costs, to make a less than carload shipment, the rate averages a dollar per hundred. If you take the same movement by motor truck with decreased boxing, decreased weight and decreased labor, you will find that the rate averages \$.20. Between Newark and Yonkers there is a difference of \$.80 per hundred pounds, in favor of the motor truck.

The following table gives cost differences for varying distances:

			Motor
		Freight	Truck
		Cost	Cost
	Road	per 100	per 100
	Miles	Lbs.	Lbs.
New York City	. 12	\$.88	\$.15
Passaic, N. J	. 6	.88	.15
Paterson, N. J	. 10	88	.18
Trenton, N. J	51	.88	.55
Philadelphia, Pa	88	.98	.75
Bridgeport, Conn	70	1.12	.75
New Haven, Conn	87	1.12	.85
Providence, R. I	214	1.21	1.15
Port Jefferson, L.			
I., N. Y	71	.98	.75
Asbury Park, N. J.	46	.94	.45

I have quite a number of other figures, but those explain themselves, and they average about the same all the way through.

One of the greatest savings made possible by motor truck transportation is that of lumber and other material used for packing, together with additional labor and other charges incidental thereto. The amount of this saving, however, will be controlled largely by the material to be boxed or packed, and how much less protection can be used when moving via motor truck as against a less than carload movement via freight.

While some will save more and others less, depending upon product to be shipped and conditions, the great possibilities of saving warrant careful study of the problem.

Have you taken into considera-

tion the amount of material you have in transit which is not producing any revenue, either to the shipper or receiver, while it is in the hands of the carrier?

Have you considered the amount of space you use in your shipping department in order to prepare your shipments to move via freight?

Have you considered how much less space you need in your shipping department if you can materially reduce the amount of boxing and packing used on your shipments?

Have you considered the amount of lumber it is necessary for you to carry for boxing, the space necessary to store it, and the amount of freight charges you pay on wet lumber, if it is stocked in the open, as is usually the case? Boxing lumber will frequently carry from 10 per cent to 25 per cent of its weight in moisture, unless it is passed through a dry kiln before being used for boxing purposes.

Pertinent Questions

Could you not use any space which can be saved by changing your shipping methods for manufacturing purposes?

Have you considered the amount of material and money your company has tied up, by reason of the fact that you are unable to state definitely how long it will take to deliver by freight between your factories and your customers?

If a freight movement takes thirty

days as against one day via motor truck, would it not be to the advantage of your company to use the difference in time, twenty-nine days, for manufacturing?

Have you considered the amount of expense to manufacturers and others for storing and handling their products on account of uncertainty of freight delivery?

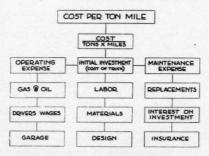
Any comparison between rail carrier movement and motor truck movement is entirely in favor of the motor truck, as it is necessary for the motor truck operators to make delivery in the shortest possible time in order to operate their equipment financially successfully.

Organization Needed

What is needed at the present time is organization on the part of the motor truck operators, in order to secure heavier loading and eliminate as far as possible motor trucks returning without a full load.

In general, I am of the opinion that motor truck transportation can, and should, compete successfully with the carriers to short-haul points. The delivery time is all in favor of the motor truck, and I am satisfied if the manufacturers will take into account all the various costs and charges which are part of a true freight transportation cost, that motor trucks can be operated successfully in competition with the carriers for distances of between 10 and 125 miles.

"COST PER TON MILE"



A TERSE phrase which accurately defines the basic standard for determining the maximum performance of the motor truck has found its way into general usage among truck owners and operators.

It is "Low cost ton mile."

This phrase sums up in four words all the elements which enter into the building, purchase and operation of a motor truck and gives the owner a comprehensive standard by which he may determine the results obtained in direct ratio to his investment.

The further to aid owners in estimating truck performance, the Garford Mo-

tor Truck Company has prepared a chart designed to indicate graphically the fundamentals which enter into truck operation.

This chart has for its initial heading, "Cost Per Ton Mile." The first subdivision is the "Cost," figured in tons times miles. This in turn is divided into three subdivisions, as follows: (1) Initial investment (cost of truck); (2) Maintenance expense; (3) Operating expense.

In figuring the initial investment there are more things to be considered than the mere cost in dollars and cents. Chief among these things are the design, the materials used in the truck's manufacture and the labor (workmanship) upon that truck.

Entering into the maintenance are replacements, interest on the investment, and insurance. In determining operating expense oil and gasoline, the driver's wages and garage rent are the important items to be given considera-

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WOOL WAREHOUSE REGULATIONS MAY BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHIN SIX WEEKS

WASHINGTON, March 24—Information based upon the recent hearings in relation to the proposed Federal regulations for wool warehouses under the United States Warehouse Act was given to-day to Distribution & Warehousing by George Livingston, chief of the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture, in response to inquiries. The arguments which warehousemen advanced in opposition to being placed under Federal supervision were set forth in the March issue. The inquiries were made with a view to acquainting the industry with the situation as it stood at the conclusion of the series of hearings held in many parts of the country.

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"It is very likely," Mr. Livingston said, "that certain provisions of the tentative regulations which were used as a basis of discussion during the hearings will be changed materially before the final regulations are adopted. Just what these changes will be I am not prepared to say. It is also impossible to state with any degree of certainty when the regulations will become effective. It is hoped, however, that they may be completed and published within the next month or six weeks, and it is expected that they will become effective immediately after being promulgated.

"With reference to the attitude of the wool trade to the Act, it might be stated that comparatively few warehousemen participated in the hearings. Wool dealers, however, at Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia expressed opposition to the Act and attempted to show that it was unnecessary and unworkable.

"On the other hand, at Columbus, Ohio, representatives of wool growers-officials of the Ohio Wool Growers' Associationattended the hearings and were very much interested in the possibility of utilizing the Warehouse Act as a means of assisting them in co-operatively marketing their wool. It was their belief that, in order to be of the greatest service to them the Act should be amended in one respect, and it is my understanding that their interest in the matter was so great that a committee representing the wool growers in Ohio and nearby States appeared before the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and requested such an amendment.

"Other interested parties in other parts of the country felt that the Act holds possibilities of service to them. Our hearings were conducted in the wool producing and handling centers, for the purpose of obtaining suggestions with reference to the proposed regulations which would make the Act more serviceable to the wool trade as a whole, and due consideration is being given to all the suggestions made.

"I wish to direct your attention to a condition which apparently is overlooked

These five points are emphasized by the Bureau of Markets regarding the Department of Agriculture's proposed regulations for wool warehouses under the United States Warehouse Act:

 There is absolutely no authority for the Department to fix storage charges.

2. There is no conflict between the United States Warehouse Act and the Uniform Receipts Act.

3. The Federal Warehouse Act is entirely permissive—warehousemen will be licensed only upon their own application.

4. Many growers and others are anxious to have licensed and bonded warehouses established under the Act.

 Objections have been raised to standardization of other agricultural products, but these objections have proved to be without substantial foundation.

in some quarters, namely, that the United States Warehouse Act is in no sense compulsory, but is entirely permissive. It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to license warehouses for the storage of wool and certain other agricultural products. No warehouseman will be licensed under the Act except upon his own application and upon his conforming to the requirements of the Act and the applicable regulations. A warehouseman, after being licensed, will be required to operate his warehouse in conformity with the United States Warehouse Act and the regulations thereunder, and will be allowed to do business as a Federally licensed and bonded warehouseman. Consequently, it is hardly correct to refer to the Bureau's activities under the Act as an attempt to "regulate" wool ware-housemen. The Act and the regulations, I repeat, will be applied to no warehouseman in the absence of his voluntary re-

Calling attention to several inaccuracies in published reports of the recent hearings, Mr. Livingston said:

"Apparently it is assumed that the Government will fix uniform charges for storing and handling wool. It is my understanding that on several occasions during the progress of the hearings questions were asked as to the Department's intentions with reference to such charges, and that in every instance it was explained that the Department had no authority and no inclination to fix uniform charges, or, indeed, any charges whatever for storage. The Act prohibits a licensed warehouseman from making exorbitant and unjust charges for stor-

age, and the only authority the Department has with reference to this matter is to see that exorbitant and unjust charges are not made. In every case where this matter was discussed, it was explained that the Department realized that a charge which might be exorbitant and unjust at one point might be entirely reasonable at another point.

"It is stated also that the Warehouse Act conflicts with the Uniform Receipts Act, which is in effect in about forty States. This statement also is incorrect. One particular purpose kept in mind in drawing up the United States Warehouse Act was that it should be practically operative in the States having the Uniform Receipts Act. In fact, the Act makes specific provision against conflict with State laws and provides for co-operation between Federal and State officials. I direct your attention to Section 29 of the Act."

This Act reads: "That nothing in this Act shall be construed to conflict with, or to authorize any conflict with, or in any way to impair or limit the effect or operation of the laws of any State relating to warehouses, warehousemen, weighers, graders, or classifiers; but the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with such officials as are charged with the enforcement of such State laws in such States and through such co-operation to secure the enforcement of the provisions of this Act; nor shall this Act be construed so as to limit the operation of any statute of the United States relating to warehouses or warehousemen, weighers, graders, or classifiers now in force in the District of Columbia or in any Territory or other place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States."

Mr. Livingston continued:

"I may add, as a matter of record, that the Federal Act has been in effect for some time with reference to cotton warehouses and that no conflict with State laws has developed.

"With reference to objections to the standardization of grades of wool made by dealers in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, it may be stated that objections of the same nature have been raised to standardization of other agricultural products. It has been variously said that standardization was unnecessary, unworkable and even impossible, and yet many of the most important products have been standardized and the established standards are in general use by the trade, even by people who in the beginning maintained the gravest opposition to standardization.

"It is believed that, notwithstanding the present feelings of some dealers against standardization, no sound reason has been advanced why wool cannot be standardized."

Trucking Co. in Columbus

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 18—The Economy Trucking Co. has been chartered with a capital of \$10,000 to operate a transfer concern. The incorporators are M. J. Cannon, K. Cannon, D. F. Cannon, C. C. Cannon and H. C. Butler.

COTTON WAREHOUSE PLANS ARE DEFERRED

Union Corporation Will Postpone Operations Owing to Bond and Realty Conditions

ATLANTA, GA., March 12—Postponement of the plans of the Union Warehouse Corporation for the erection or acquiring of cotton warehouses in Columbia, S. C.; Augusta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C., and eighteen other Southern cities is indicated in a statement that has just been made by Boston officials of the company. The statement discloses also that the corporation will proceed to complete the purchase of desirable warehouse sites at Augusta, Spartanburg and seven other Southern cities at once.

Two reasons are given by Rufus R. Wilson, president of the company, why the operations of the company are temporarily deferred. These are: First, the condition of the bond market; second, the excessive cost of building operations and the exceptionally high prices being asked by present warehouse companies for their properties. Mr. Wilson stated that about \$150,000,000 of new financing is being held up by unfavorable conditions in the investment market. Present building costs are so high, he said, that a financial burden would be imposed by immediate construction that would make impossible profitable operation in the future.

He further advised that a new company is to be formed known as the United States Warehouse & Terminals, Inc., with \$10,000,000 of preferred stock.

One of the largest warehouses to be erected by the company, and, in fact, one of the largest cotton warehouses in the entire South, is planned for Atlanta, a site having already been obtained and surveyed by engineers.

No Posts for this Warehouse

SAVANNAH, GA., March 12 .- The first of a series of big warehouses of a new mode of construction to be erected throughout the country by the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, has been opened here. The new structure is said to be the only building of this kind in the South. Unlike most warehouses there are no posts under the roof to block the passageways and take up spacethe roof is supported by a scheme of English wooden trusses. The outside of the building is of brick construction, and the interior floor is of oak. There are four offices in the building, one each for the sales agent, the cashier, the shipping agent and the salesmen who travel the Southeastern territory for the company. The salesmen's room is in reality a lounging parlor and one of the features of the building. The windows are numerous throughout the structure and electric lighting is thereby reduced to a minimum.

It is because of the fact that the Southeastern territory has led the company in gross sales that Savannah, where the headquarters is located, was se-

lected for the first warehouse of the series it is planned to construct. Similar warehouses, it is said, will be built by this company at its various distributing centers throughout the country, all of them to be of the same design and construction as the building at Savannah.

Germany's Warehouses Packed

NEW YORK, March 13.—Irving T. Bush, head of the Bush Terminal Co., found the warehouses of Germany filled with merchandise, he said upon his return to-day from Europe, where he visited England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Discussing the land of the Huns, Mr. Bush said:

"We went to the occupied territory first and then drove about 300 miles through Germany proper, including the city of Frankfort, but did not go to Berlin. I had been informed there was no merchandise in Germany, but I found the warehouses packed with it everywhere I went."

The \$3,000,000 Bush Terminal building, which is to occupy an entire block in the heart of London would be completed within a year, Mr. Bush asserted.

TO ALTER SHIPYARD INTO RAIL TERMINAL

PHILADELPHIA, March 4—Developments of interest to warehousemen are foreshadowed through the announcement that the Government is to take over the Hog Island shipyard. The Government will hold title for about six months and the officials of the United States Shipping Board plan to have the property within its control by mid-summer, through a holding company capitalized at \$26,000,000. The shipyard will then be converted into a great rail and water terminal and general repair yard, with warehousing as part of the structural improvements.

Commercial and industrial interests of this city had hoped to purchase the shipbuilding plant to convert it into a huge terminal, somewhat similar to the Bush Terminal in Brooklyn, and a committee recently was appointed, headed by Alba B. Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to confer with local trade bodies and bankers and railroad officials regarding the proposition. Mayor Moore had expressed a willingness to meet the committee more than half way. The plan was to purchase the plant, turn it into a terminal and thus block purchase by foreign interests, which were reported to be appraising it. The terminal was to have been a combination series of warehouses. drydock, shipbuilding yard and factory center with a network of railways.

\$100,000 Cold Storage Plant

JOHNSTOWN, PA., March 1—The firm of Goenner & Co. is building a storage warehouse for ice, to cost \$100,000. The plans permit the easy addition of extra units of construction, all fireproof. This is a provision against ice shortage, from which Johnstown suffered last summer.

STORAGE ACTIVITY NOTED IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 23—Activity has characterized the warehouse and storage business in Columbus during the past month. With the opening of the spring season, after a most severe winter, goods started to move actively and indications point to an active movement of all kinds of merchandise during the coming few weeks at least. March has been considered more active than either January or February, which are usually considered the slowest months of the year.

Storing of general merchandise is being done to a considerable extent at this time. This includes canned goods, coffee, cereals, and general groceries. In fact the storage at this time is much heavier than was the case a year ago. Another important item of storage is motor cars. Wholesalers and dealers have been receiving considerable quantities of cars, many of which have been stored. The movement of such machines out of storage has already started and will gain in strength as the spring advances.

The freight transfer business has been brisk. This is shown by reports received from the local transfer concerns, which have been extremely busy. The transfer business has included groceries and general merchandise, agricultural implements, canned goods and household goods.

Household goods storage is one of the big features of the business in Columbus.

Death of Peter Sommer

PEORIA, ILL., March 6.—The Keystone Steel & Wire Company has sent out cards announcing the death of Peter Sommer, vice-president and founder of the company, at St. Petersburg, Fla., on February 16. Mr. Sommer, who was 77 years old, was known to many of the owners of warehouses through which the Keystone firm distributes its products.

Would Oust Government

PHILADELPHIA, March 4—Proceedings to compel the Government to vacate the land at the foot of Oregon Avenue, where a \$15,000,000 Army base was built during the war, have been started in Common Pleas Court No. 4 by the Greenwich Real Estate Co. This land was requisitioned by the Government in July, 1918, and the complaint states that the Government has not paid one cent to the owners of the property. The court is asked to treat the Government as any ordinary trespasser by summarily restoring the property to its owners.

The proceedings are of special interest to warehousemen, because space is exceedingly scarce in this city at this time and the property, which consists of warehouses and piers, is desired by the city on leases.

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NEW TARIFFS TO BE FILED IN MINNESOTA

Warehousemen Are Preparing Revised Schedules-Mutual Bonding Arrangements Effected

MINNEAPOLIS, March 13 .- Minnesota warehousemen, working under the control of the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission, are preparing new merchandise storage tariffs which will he filed with the commission as soon as completed. The principles recommended by the Committee on Standardization of Basis for Rates of the American Warehousemen's Association have been followed in this work, and these tariffs will show a separation of the handling and storage charges. The handling charges will, in the main, range from \$1 to \$2 a ton, although on some special commodities and under some conditions a higher rate will be charged, amounting in some instances to \$4 a ton.

The requirements of the state in the matter of license and bonding of warehouses are being handled by a mutual arrangement among the storage men in which nearly all unite in a joint bond for one another. This plan has been considered and approved by the state authorities and accomplishes several desirable objects. The warehousemen are through this method relieved of the expense which would attach to furnishing separate security bonds, the cost of which would range from \$100 up. Under the mutual arrangement each of these companies pays \$50 into the treasury of the State Warehousemen's Association and in this way a considerable fund has already been accumulated. Incidentally the arrangement is considered to have greatly increased the feeling of friendly interest on the part of the members, and has worked toward co-operation in other matters of mutual interest.

Chicago Cold Storage Men Organize

CHICAGO, March 12 .- Cold storage warehousing interests here have formed a local organization to be known as the Refrigeration Association of Illinois. Virtually every warehouse in Chicago doing a cold storage business has become affiliated with the new body, which was formed at the suggestion of M. C. Cummings of the Chicago Cold Storage Warehouse Co., and a member of the Cold Storage Sub-Division of the American Warehousemen's Association. Robert J. Douglas has been elected president; Charles Nelson, vice-president; J. T. Brady, secretary; and M. Uhlman, treasurer. Standardization will be one of the problems discussed at the meetings.

Working Day Shortened

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15. - The household goods transfer and storage business in Minnesota was placed on a nine-hour a day basis, effective to-day. Heretofore there has been a ten-hour basis. Moving rates were increased to compensate for this reduction in hours.

The new rates are \$2.50 an hour for a horse-drawn van and one man and \$3.50 an hour for motor vans and one man, to which is added 75 cents an hour for each helper. Packing rates are \$1 an hour.

Seattle Organization Formed

SEATTLE, WASH., March 15 .- The Seattle Warehousemen's Association has established headquarters and has selected Henry J. Gorin as secretary. Mr. Gorin is a lawyer at 329 Central Building, Seattle.

Montana Convention

BILLINGS. MONT., Feb. 14. — The Montana Transfer & Storage Men's Association held its third annual meeting here to-day. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. E. Baker, Baker Transfer & Storage Co.; vice-president, W. B. Haggerty, Wilbur Transfer & Storage Co.; secretary-treasurer, Adolph Wacker, Fidelity Storage & Transfer Co., Missoula. The next convention will be held at Great Falls in February, 1921.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO A. W. A.

PITTSBURGH, March 16 .- Announcement of the following new members to the American Warehousemen's Association is made by Charles L. Criss, general secretary:

Hansen Storage Co., Milwaukee. Affiliated with general merchandise subdivision. Operates these warehouses, seven of which have railroad trackage. Handles general merchandise, yard storage, transferring, forwarding, etc. Guido J. Hansen is president.

Mollen Transfer & Storage Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Affiliated with general merchandise sub-division. Handles all lines except cold and bonded storage. Company is partnership of Charles Mollen and Joseph F. Mollen.

Merchants & Manufacturers Warehouse Co., Atlanta. Affiliated with merchandise sub-division. Engaged in general merchandise storage and distribution. Warehouse is located on trackage. Company is partnership of E. L. Bishop and Henry Gullatt.

Cincinnati Tobacco Warehouse Co., Cincinnati. Affiliated with merchandise sub-division. Operates warehouses containing approximately 300,000 sq. ft. of storage space. Engages in handling both tobacco and general merchandise. W. H. Whiteman is president.

Study Cost Accounting "Know Your Business!"

New Providence Warehouse

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 6-A new terminal warehouse plant is to be built on the waterfront here. While the structure will be given over mainly to handling and storing the great bulk of cotton destined to pass through this port, it will be prepared to facilitate also the movement of goods in foreign and domestic commerce. The proposition has the support of the Providence Chamber of Commerce.

THE WAREHOUSEMAN AND THE MOTOR TRUCK

NEW YORK, March 9.—"Because of unavailable transportation equipment valuable import car-goes from all over the world are being piled up on piers at Atlan-tic seaport cities," says Sidney Bowman of the Sidney B. Bowman Automobile Company, New York Kissel distributor.

"These cargoes consist mostly of valuable raw materials such as wool, hides, cotton, etc., and should be warehoused as soon after their arrival as possible.

"This is only another indication of the need of motor trucks when such extremely valuable imports as noted above are dumped on the piers and left there because there are not enough transportation facilities to convey them to the points where they can be properly warehoused or stored. It can be seen that it won't be long before motor trucks will be as hard to order for immediate delivery as passenger cars are now. It behooves every business man to carefully check up his transportation equipment and provide now for the future requirements to take care of any possible business expansion later on."

Sissers Announce Expansion

SOMERVILLE, N. J., March 2-Sisser Bros., Somerville, N. J., warehousemen and transfermen, with offices and receiv-ing stations in New York, Plainfield, N. J., and Philadelphia, have purchased a two-story brick building in Plainfield, N. J. This building, now a garage, will be converted into a storage warehouse and express receiving station. Sisser Bros. opened an office and receiving station in Plainfield in August, 1919, to take care of their business at that point, and the demand for storage space, together with the need of a place to keep their trucks in Plainfield, made necessary the purchase of this building.

"Sample" Warehouse Proposed

PHILADELPHIA, March 1-A central sample warehouse in which merchandise manufactured in Philadelphia can be displayed to buyers from other cities is urged by Mayor Moore.

"Philadelphia is the point of origin for many products," said the Mayor, in an address to the Philadelphia Wearing Apparel Salesmen's Association, in the Belle-vue-Stratford. "A central depot is needed. We have schemes in view now that will bring results. There is absolutely no reason why buyers from other cities should go to other centers to see products made here."

Coming:

An article on the distribution possibilities of the New York State Barge Canal.

WAREHOUSEMEN MEET RAILROAD AGENTS

Storage Executives in Cleveland Obtain Credit Extensions from Freight Officials

CLEVELAND, March 8—Cleveland warehousemen and the freight agents of the various railroads entering Cleveland met to-night at the Cleveland Athletic Club and a number of questions of importance were discussed, as follows:

First, itemizing and checking of articles on carload lots as well as less than carload lots. Second, unification of bills-of-lading by all railroads. Third, importance of packing right.

No definite conclusions were arrived at but the discussion served to bring out the points that are in the minds of the warehousemen in their relations to the railroads.

A fourth problem was considered and a conclusion arrived at. That is, the Cleveland warehousemen asked for credit on the shipping of household goods from this city to other cities. This was granted them by the railroad men at this meeting. In order now for a Cleveland warehouseman to ship a load of furniture or household goods from Cleveland to Chicago, for example, he does not have to pay the freight in advance; he may merely guarantee his payment. This great assistance by the railroads helps the warehouseman very much in that he does not have so much money tied up for two or three or four weeks before it is paid him by the shipper at the other end.

New Cartage Company

CLEVELAND, March 22—The South End Cartage Co. has been chartered with a capital of \$10,000 to do general transfering. The incorporators are J. H. Morris, S. R. Driffield, M. Beck, A. Fleischer and M. H. Ford.

Increased Capitalization

CLEVELAND, March 22—Papers have been filed with the secretary of state increasing the authorized capital of the Fireproof Storage Co. from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The increase was necessary to provide for the building of an addition to the warehouse.

Storage Situation in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 17—Kansas City warehouses are nearer full than they have ever been, and it is said that many consignments cannot be received and that manufacturers are eager to send into this territory. The condition is due to the hesitancy of jobbers to receive shipments for stock direct from factories, the jobbers leaving the manufacturers to ship stocks to Kansas City warehouses for filling later orders by jobbers. This hesitancy springs from a sense of uncertainty over the demand which retailers will make on the stocks, although retail trade has felt no serious

slowing-up in the past few weeks. Retailers, too, are ordering in smaller volume from jobbers. Nobody wants to take the chance on laying in heavy supplies, and the duty goes back to the manufacturer of getting the estimated needs of the territory into Kansas City, where it can be quickly handled as consumption requires. The warehouse capacity is about full and already orders are being turned down for space.

N. Y. Association Approves Federal Bill

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 4-Approval of the cold storage bill introduced in the United States Senate in February was approved by the New York State Cold Storage Association at its meeting here to-day. This measure was prepared after Congress had been flooded with protests against a previous bill, the opponents including the cold storage subdivision of the American Warehousemen's Association, which suggested at its December convention in Cincinnati a number of changes designed to eliminate features which the industry considered objectionable. Hearings on the new bill are yet to be held.

At the convention to-day the New York body adopted resolutions suggesting changes in the proposed cold storage legislation in New York State. This State bill was approved subject to the amendments offered by the men assembled here.

Addresses were made by Charles L. Criss, Pittsburgh, general secretary of the American Warehousemen's Association; R. H. Switzler, St. Louis; and F. A. Horne, New York City, all identified with the A. W. A. plans to develop cost accounting in warehouses.

The convention elected F. M. Shoemaker, Elmira, president, and A. A. Reeves, Rochester, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Shoemaker was chosen chairman of the executive committee.

Distributing Corp. Absorbs Trucking Company

NEW YORK, March 23—Announcement is made by the United States Distributing Corporation of the formation of a subsidiary known as the United States Trucking Corporation—consolidation of twenty-seven trucking firms in the New York metropolitan district with a capitalization of \$2,000,000 8 per cent preferred stock and with 80,000 shares of common stock. The parent body has acquired 41,000 shares of the trucking corporation's stock.

New Indianapolis Warehouse

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18—Erection of a fireproof warehouse with 398,000 square feet of space has been begun by the Armstrong Transfer & Trucking Company. Eight freight and one passenger elevator, all of the "operatorless" type, such as those in use at the Bush Terminal plant and the Brooklyn Army Base, both in New York, are to be installed.

WAREHOUSE CO. PAYS \$10,000 PIER RENTAL

BOSTON, March 10—It is disclosed at a public hearing to-day that the New Bedford Storage Warehouse Co. pays for its present lease on the State pier at New Bedford \$10,000 annually on a three-months agreement. John M. Cole, Commissioner of Public Works, said an understanding existed that the lessee would endeavor to develop the pier as a transportation factor rather than for storage purposes.

The hearing was before the joint legislative committee on harbors and waterways. The committee has under consideration a bill under which the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts would have control of all State piers. At the hearing to-day an amendment was prepared by the department providing that notice should be given to the New Bedford municipal authorities before any lease would hereafter be made. New Bedford representatives at the hearing declared that this amendment made the bill less objectionable, as it would preclude sale or other disposition of the pier without the knowledge of the public or city officials in New Bedford.

Purchase of Columbus Company

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 17—William E. Hague and Charles F. Cohagen, who have been associated with the Columbus Terminal Warehouse Company since its organization, announce they have severed all connection with that firm and that they have purchased the stock, good will and accounts of the Merchandise Storage Company. A statement issued by the purchasers says that with their new interests "they will spend their time and energy in the active management of the business in an effort to render the sort of service" desired by customers.

"Moving Day" Reform Sought

NEW YORK, March 20—New York moving van men, in seeking to avoid a repetition of last October's moving day troubles, are actively agitating among real estate owners, brokers and agents a movement to change the prevailing custom which makes the vast majority of apartment leases in New York City expire on Oct. 1. The moving men offer as a solution to the great congestion on this day the change in the leasing schedule that would make more terminate on Sept. 1 and Nov. 1 in order to equitably distribute the annual moving day burdens.

Arthur J. Morgan of Morgan & Brother, who is a director of the Van Owners' Association of New York and of the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association, declared to-day that ordinary common sense business methods warranted the change.

Southern Warehouse Construction

An authority on industrial activities estimates that eighty-one new ware-houses were being constructed in the Southern States during February.

WAREHOUSING TO BE **CONVENTION KEYNOTE**

Speakers at Meeting of American Cotton Association Will Discuss Storage Facilities

MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 17 .-The annual conventon of the American Cotton Association at Montgomery, Ala., which has been twice postponed for unavoidable reasons, has now been definitely scheduled for April 13 to 16 and will undoubtedly be held on those dates.

This is destined to be one of the most important conventions in the history of the association, and will, in reality, be more than national in its scope. Broad economic measures of reform in the future baling, handling, warehousing and marketing of the cotton crop will be discussed by those in attendance, who will include some of the biggest men in the world in the cotton industry.

The immediate construction of adequate warehousing facilities in every cotton growing county of the belt will be the most vital subject of reform for 1920 upon which the convention will concentrate its time and attention. The governors of virtually every state in the Cotton Belt will attend the meeting to be present at a joint conference called to consider the enactment of warehouse legislation based upon the uniformity of. operation. Governor R. G. Pleasant, of Louisiana, will preside as chairman of the Governors' conference.

A committee has been appointed composed of the executive officials of the Warehouse Division of the Federal Bureau of Markets, State Directors of the Bureau of Markets, State Directors of the Extension Service and officials of the American Cotton Association. This committee, which is a large one, will handle the local warehousing problem as regards actual construction and operation.

To consider the best methods of financing the cotton crop in storage while it is being slowly marketed by the growers, there will be a conference of Southern bankers. Members of the committee that will meet for this purpose include executive officials who direct the policies of some of the biggest banking institutions in the Southern states. Nathan Adams, a well known banker of Dallas, Texas, has been designated as chairman of this conference.

It is fast becoming apparent to Southern cotton growers and planters, as well as brokers, that more importance is attached to the protection of the crop than to a means of financing it. More clearly explained this means that the South needs warehouses for the storage of its cotton much more than it needs immediate money.

Enforced liquidation in the past has served to cause great losses on cotton throughout the South. While there has been in the past two years a great increase in the wealth of the South and its financial resources this has not served to eliminate the loss resultant from enforced liquidation. Formerly the losses might well be attributed to lack of

money to finance the crops. Now the losses are directly due to a lack of sufficient warehouses to protect the crops

from damage

Statistics have been advanced by the American Cotton Association which tend to show that where one bale of cotton was forced on the market for lack of money to finance it, one hundred bales were forced on the market through lack of sufficient warehouse facilities to protect it. These figures are based on an estimate by W. W. Morrison, New Orleans, who has traveled extensively over the Cotton Belt and is conversant with the industry in the South.

In a recent article Mr. Morrison set forth other figures which show in money value the actual loss the South has suffered through inadequate warehousing

facilities. He said:

"The loss through damage out of the crop grown in 1919 has been estimated at 1,000,000 bales. This at current prices amounts to \$200,000,000. From the amount of cotton exposed and the duration of the exposure the writer believes this estimate to be reasonable. In any event, it is certain that the loss was of such magnitude that no industry could stand it for any length of time and prosper. It is certain, also, that the lack of warehouses and the consequent damage has been the basis for many attacks on the price of cotton. It was reasoned that a very considerable part of the crep would be forced on the market, or the producers would have to stand the loss incident to exposure. These attacks can, therefore, be expected to continue until adequate warehouse facilities are provided for."

One of the principal speakers at the convention of the American Cotton Association in Montgomery, will be Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, who will deliver an address endorsing the economic aims and pur-

poses of the association.

W. G. Turner, of Memphis, who is the general manager for the largest concentrating plant for storing and compressing cotton in the United States, will deliver an address in which he will tell of the primitive and wasteful practices that are employed by so many cotton merchants in the handling of the cotton crop between the growers and the spinners. This waste is such as to reach into figures almost startling in their magnitude.

Joseph E. Ransdell, United State Senator from Louisiana, will deliver an address on "The Economics of High Density Gin Compression." Hoke Smith, United States Senator from Georgia, is also on the program for an address on a subject of kindred interest.

Other prominent speakers are on the program, some of whom will discuss warehousing and warehousing facilities, these speakers including presidents of various agriculture colleges in the South, state superintendents of education of the cotton states, and other men prominent in the industry in the South.

The Prodigal Railroads have returned, and the shipper may as well prepare to play the rôle of the fatted goat.-Exch.

CARTAGE INTERESTS PLAN ASSOCIATION

Detroit Transportation Body Is Behind Movement to Form a National Organization

DETROIT, March 6-The Detroit Transportation Association has placed at the disposal of its secretary, F. L. Henk, a fund to finance efforts in organizing a national business association of cartage interests. It is expected a convention will be called in Detroit within a few months. The California State Draymen's Association, the Pacific Coast Draymen's Association and the Cleveland Transportation Association are among the organizations which have expressed interest in the proposal. Regarding the plans, Mr. Henk said to-

"It is peculiar of the handling industry in the United States that thousands of small units go to make it up. It is this feature of the business that causes a great many outsiders, even men engaged in the business, to underestimate the vast amount of capital invested in this form of enterprise. A conservative estimate would be one billion dollars, and this amount is rapidly being en-larged as the motor truck gains precedence over the horse-drawn vehicle. This vast amount of capital, if it is to pay fair dividends, must be surrounded by safeguards which will protect it from forces inimical to its existence."

These "inimical forces," Mr. Henk declared, were: First, operators who perform handling services "for rates which are below the actual cost of operation and upkeep of their equipment"; second, the "unreliable truck dealer," who sells a truck on a down-payment of a few hundred dollars and permits the pur-chaser to sign "a long string of notes," and who "baits" the prospective hauler with promise of work, usually offering "contracts"; third, "the ambitious politician" who likes to enact "class legislation" unfavorable to motor trucks and better highways; and, fourth, railroad lobbyists. Mr. Henk continued:

"Due to topographical and road conditions, the highway transport has progressed more rapidly in some sections than in others. Where it has made progress, it has done so only after overcoming many obstacles. A medium of interchange of knowledge gained by experience would therefore do more toward the development of the highway transport than any one thing. too, evils peculiar to the hauling industry which exist in California to-day may develop in New York or Tennessee tomorrow, and vice versa. Therefore, a national medium of interchange of experience would prove invaluable. These are only some of the conditions which exist to-day and which, if they were made known to the entire country and remedial steps taken by a properly organized body of hauling interests, could be greatly improved, and many a dollar invested in the hauling business would be made to pay a real profit instead of only a paper one.

WAREHOUSING NEWS

Contributions Solicited

NEW BUILDINGS, ETC.

Hartford Dispatch & Trucking Co., Hartford, Conn., has entered the warehouse business and plans to erect soon a fireproof building with railroad trackage.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co., Davenport, Iowa, has purchased a plot 150 x 120 ft. and will erect a large concrete and steel warehouse, five stories high, with side track connections.

Huntington Transfer & Storage Co., Huntington, W. Va., is planning construction of a new fireproof warehouse to contain about 72,000 sq. ft. of floor space, to take the place of its building recently damaged by fire.

Twin City Warehouse Co., St. Paul, has transferred its business to the fire-proof warehouse of the Fidelity Storage & Warehouse Co.

Terminal Warehouse Co., Baltimore, plans construction of a warehouse, 600 x 120 ft., six stories high, of reinforced concrete with brick face, on Boston Street

Ninth Street Terminal Warehouse Co., Cleveland, has enlarged its cold storage facilities from 500,000 to 1,250,000 cu. ft. A further extension of 600,000 cu. ft. is under consideration.

North Shore Fireproof Storage Co., Chicago, is remodeling the Morse Avenue Theatre building for use as a fireproof storage house.

Rick Warehouse & Storage Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., is planning to operate warehouses with a capitalization of

Edwards Storage Warehouse, New York City, has been sold by William C. Edwards, a pioneer in the industry. The name of the purchaser has not been dis-

Boston Wool & Market Co. has purchased from the Division of Waterways and Public Lands two lots in south Boston with combined frontage of about 1000 ft., with a depth of 80 ft. to spur track of New Haven Railroad and plans to erect an eight-story fireproof warehouse involving an investment of more than \$3,000,000.

Savannah Warehouse Corporation, Savannah, has filed a petition with the railroad commission for authority to issue accumulative 8 per cent preferred stock to be used for construction purnoses.

Taft Transfer Co., Hood River, Ore., will erect a large warehouse, with trackage of tile construction to be 50 x 120 ft.

St. Paul Terminal Warehouse, St. Paul, expects to open its \$400,000 addition to its warehouse on April 1. As completed the entire building is six stories high and contains 400,000 sq. ft. of

floor space. It has trackage and is one of the most modern warehouses in the country. A number of firms are making use of the building for storage, assembling and other purposes. The R. M. Hollingshead Co., automobile supplies, has opened its northwest headquarters in this warehouse and the Minnesota State Prison has rented space and will in the future distribute all of its prison farm machinery through this plant.

Galveston Cotton Compress & Warehouse Co., Galveston, has completed plans for erection of addition to its present plant. As completed, there will be sufficient storage room for more than 125,000 bales of cotton and this will be one of the largest cotton warehouses in the United States.

Henry Tompkins, Bernardino, Cal., announces plans for erection of a modern brick fireproof warehouse, the space to be leased to manufacturers.

W. B. Wiggins, Portland, Ore., has filed plans for the erection of a \$35,000 two-story warehouse on a plot of ground, 100 x 150 ft.

Maier Sales & Storage Co., Huntington, W. Va., will erect a \$40,000 storage house, to be used for distribution of the products of manufacturers. The structure will have a capacity of approximately 100 carloads. W. J. Maier is president and C. L. Hibbner is secretary-treasurer. The company is capitalized at \$100,000.

Great Northern Warehouses, Inc., New York City, is constructing a new storage warehouse, fireproof, seven stories, adjacent to New York Central yards. Building will be equipped with rooms for storage of pianos, rugs, household valuables, trunks, silverware, etc.

Santa Ana Walnut Growers' Association, Santa Ana, Cal., plans erection of new warehouse, 80 x 90 ft., with Santa Fe trackage, adjoining the Walnut Packing House. The structure will cost about \$17,000

Arizona American-Egyptian Cotton Growers' Association plans to finance and erect a bonded warehouse and compress at Phoenix.

Big Lakes Wool and Mohair Association, San Angelo, Tex., has begun construction of a large wool warehouse at Big Lake. Structure will be 60 x 120 ft., with concrete floors, and will be thoroughly modern. Building is expected to be completed by April 15.

INCORPORATIONS

Gawthorp Storage Warehouse has been incorporated at Wilmington, Del., to do general storage business; capitalization \$100,000.

Lumberman's Warehouse & Storage

Co., Portland, Ore., has been incorporated with \$100,000 capital.

Dayton Transfer Co., Dayton, Ohio, has been incorporated with capital stock of \$25,000, with C. E. Gaskell as president and J. Q. Finfrock as secretary.

Star Express & Long Distance Moving Co., Trenton, N. J., has been incorporated to do a general carting business in and out of New Jersey and to store goods, wares and merchandise. Incorporators are Sander Zelenak, Frank Cofcardy, Michael Fedorke and Fred J. Wittenborn.

Mutual Warehouse & Compress Co., Savannah, has filed a petition in the Superior Court asking for incorporation under the Georgia laws. The company has a capitalization of \$500,000, and plans to construct warehouses and operate a cotton compress. The further right is asked to own, operate and charter tugboats, vessels, barges and boats, and to build an electric light and power plant and waterway, and to operate these and to construct and control docks and wharfs, and to buy real estate necessary for operating a warehousing and compress business. The incorporators are M. N. Stewart, John W. Gleason, Eugene Harmon and M. N. Stewart, Jr.

Macfarland Transfer, Storage & Distributing Co., New York City, has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$300,000. The incorporators are Walter Macfarland, B. M. Macfarland, and Chas.

Cotton Warehouse Expansion

ATLANTA, GA., March 12—The Cotton Warehouse Co., an Atlanta concern, has purchased a six-acre tract of land on the outskirts of the city and will erect this spring and summer a storage warehouse to cover the entire tract. The cost of the project was not announced, but it will run well into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The company already owns one plant here covering three acres of land, and the two plants together will make what is believed to be the largest storage warehouse in the South. The company plans to construct also a big compress if the necessary machinery can be secured.

The new warehouse will be erected directly across the Southern Railway tracks from the company's present plant and the two buildings will be connected by an underground viaduct or overhead passageway, this combining them and giving a capacity sufficient for the storage of about 40,000 bales of cotton.

The officers of the Cotton Warehouse Co. are J. R. Ellis, Jr., president; T. F. Ellis, secretary and treasurer; and J. H. Kennett, sales manager.

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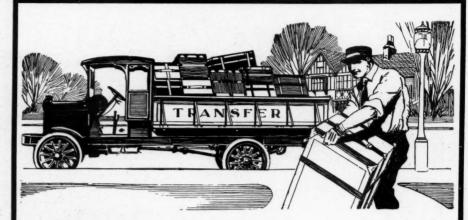


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The cost now is admittedly twice as great; but the revenues that are being obtained by the warehouseman, who has up-to-date facilities, provides maximum protection and gives first class service, are at least double what they were six years ago. This is a paramount fact that investigation substantiates.

In this connection, too, it must not be overlooked that present costs of construction are not going to be appreciably lower for a considerable length of time. Meanwhile the progressive warehouseman whose business requires more space, will, if he builds, receive additional income that will more than offset the extra cost of construction; and, furthermore, he will have successfully blocked the competitor who awaits lower prices before building.

Also squint at the thing from another angle—that of comparative returns from an old warehouse and a new one. A modern warehouse designed by us has from 20% to 30% greater net available storage space than a house built five years ago.

Just one more word. We address these statements to WARE-HOUSEMEN—not to "Cheap John" storers who are always underbidding each other, and claim that reasonably remunerative rates, such as those established by the different associations, cannot be obtained.

Now shoot back a broadside of disapproval, if you are not fully convinced.

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HE warehousing industry is growing. It has got to grow to meet the increasing demands of manufacturers who are on the hunt for distribution facilities which are equivalent to the highest type of service. We read constantly in the trade journals devoted to the interests of producers that in such-and-such a city the warehouses are filled to overflowing. One of the leading manufacturers—a company which uses public warehouses and prefers them rather than to establish its own—recently found it impossible to lease space in commercial storage plants in two Southern cities. What was the result? The company was forced to make other arrangements.

It is a fact that one of the two Southern cities possesses some of the largest and most modern storage plants in the United States. The owners of those warehouses would have been glad to obtain the business of the manufacturing company mentioned.

There is one good reason why the owners did not get that business. They did not advertise their service and facilities where the traffic manager of the manufacturing company would know. That traffic manager is a subscriber and a reader of Distribution & Warehousing—and he is one of many of his profession.

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facturers!

COMING EVENTS

Meetings Scheduled by Associations in the Industry

Canadian Warehousemen's Association	. Winnipeg	April 15
Southern Furniture Warehousemen's Association	.Memphis	(Date not fixed)
Northwest Transfer & Warehousemen's Association	.Seattle	May
Central Warehousemen's Club	.(To be decided)	June
National Team & Motor Truck Owners' Association	.Chicago	June 28
National Furniture Warehousemen's Association	. (To be decided)	July
Texas Warehouse & Storagemen's Association	.Waco	August
American Warehousemen's Association	. (To be decided)	December
American Chain of Warehouses	. (To be decided)	December
Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association	.San Diego	February, 1921
Montana Transfer & Storage Men's Association	.Great Falls	February, 1921
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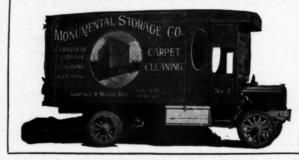
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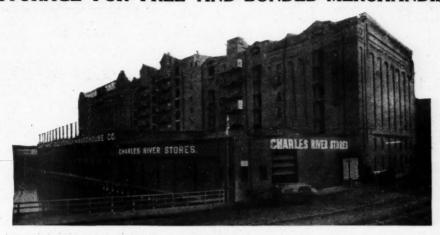
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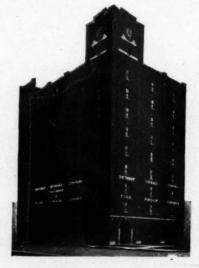
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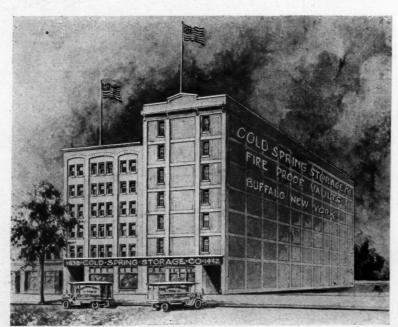
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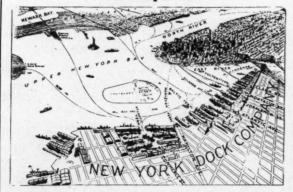
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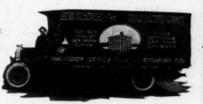
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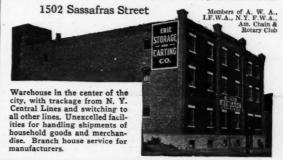
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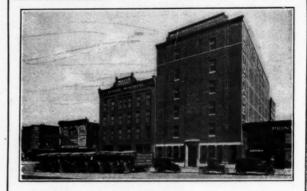
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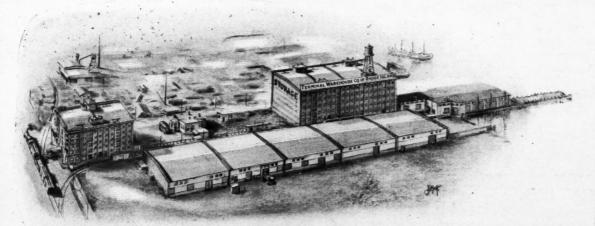
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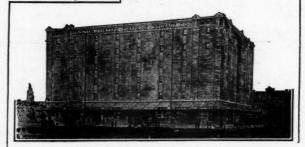
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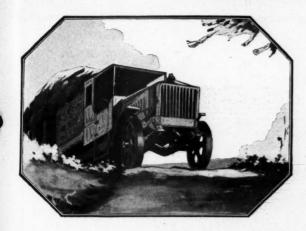
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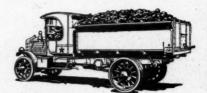
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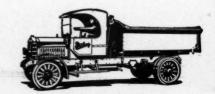
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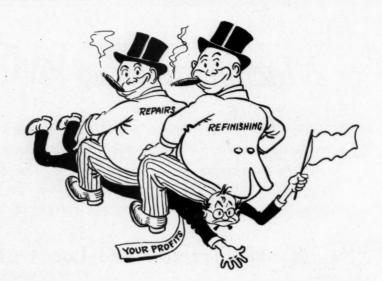
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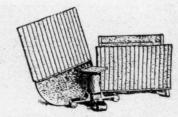
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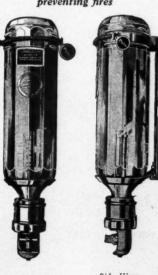


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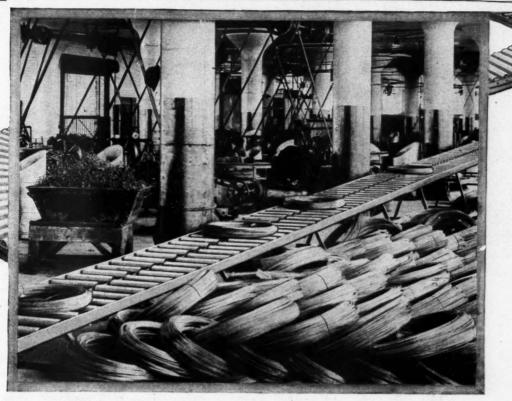
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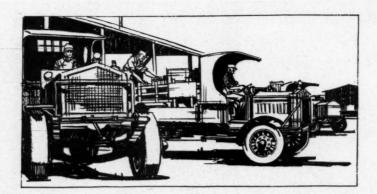
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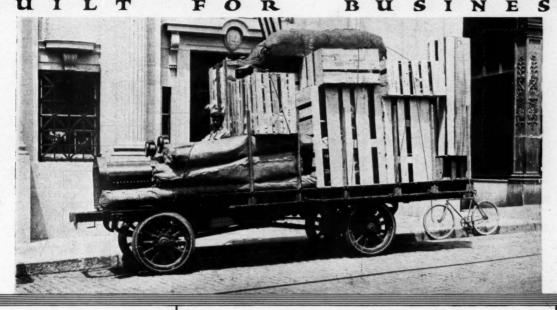
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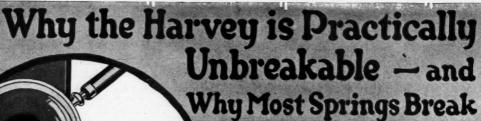
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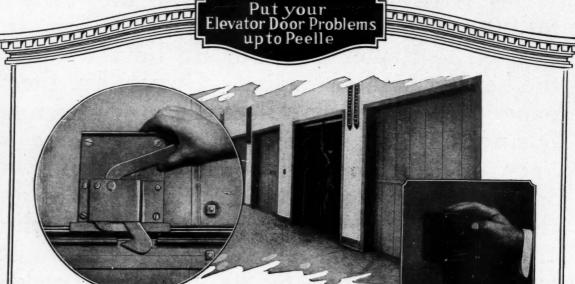
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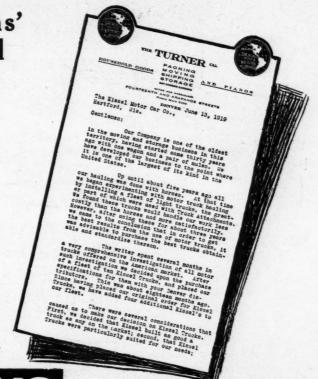
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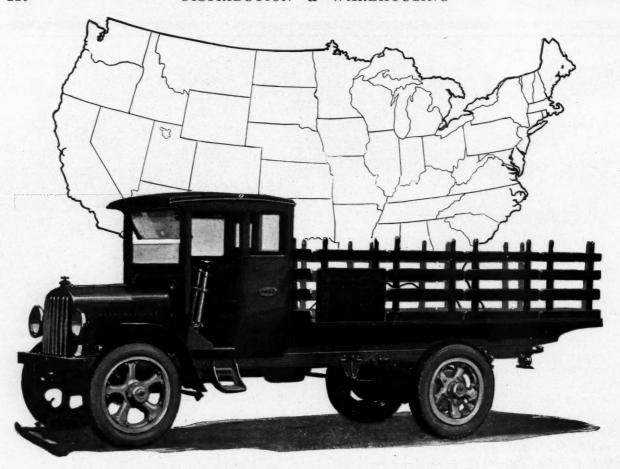
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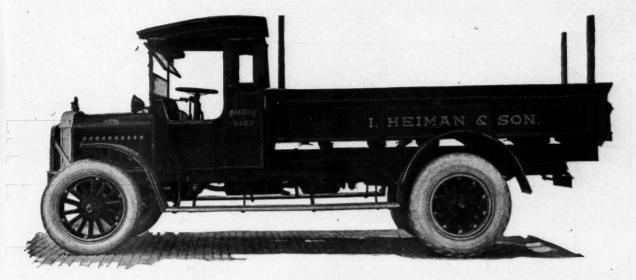
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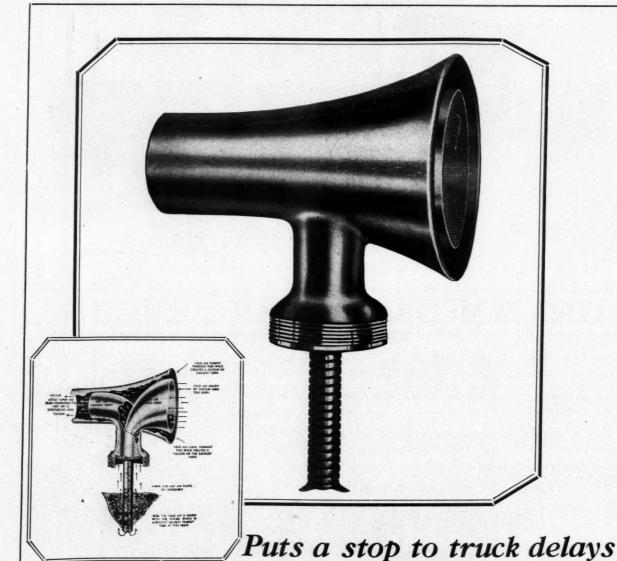
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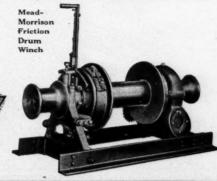
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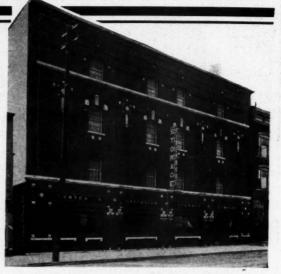
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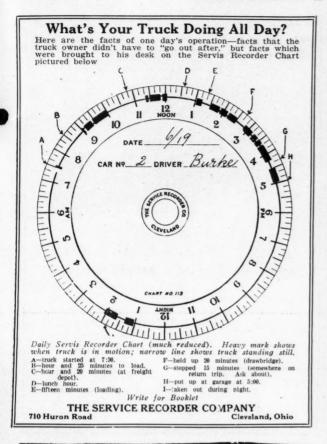
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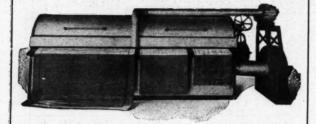
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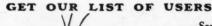
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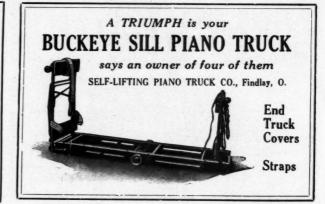
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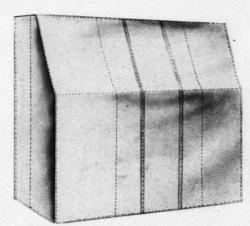
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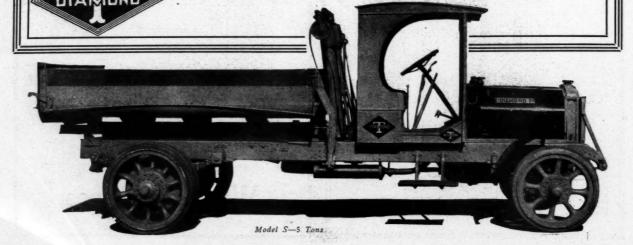
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